

Premier McBride More Than Redeems Election Pledges



MY UNDERTAKING

1. To build six hundred miles of railway in British Columbia as outlined in a preliminary contract with D. D. Mann of the Canadian Northern Railway Company. At least one hundred miles of such railway construction to be from Victoria to Barkley Sound.
2. To secure a first class freight and passenger ferry service from a point on the mainland, at or near English Bluff, to connect with the Island of Vancouver, thence by rail to Victoria; to continue the same to Barkley Sound. Said ferry service to be equal to any on this continent.
3. Construction of the Barkley Sound section to commence simultaneously with construction upon the mainland of the Canadian Northern system in British Columbia.
4. The whole work to be undertaken and completed within four years; to be begun three months after the ratification of the completed contract by the provincial legislature.
5. To secure from the Canadian Northern Railway a deposit of \$500,000 for the faithful performance of the contract, such sum to be forfeited to the province if they fail to carry out the terms of the agreement.
6. To secure from the Canadian Northern Railway Company a first mortgage upon their system in British Columbia.
7. To secure from the Canadian Northern Railway Company a covenant protecting the province from any loss whatever by virtue of its guarantee.
8. The Province of British Columbia to control freight and passenger rates upon the same plan as adopted by Manitoba in its guarantee of Canadian Northern bonds.
9. To secure from the Canadian Northern Railway Company an obligatory contract requiring them to maintain a regular continuous and daily first class passenger and freight schedule between Victoria and its continental system, so that upon completion of their lines in British Columbia, Victoria will be one of the termini of a transcontinental railway system.
10. The money realized from the sale of Canadian Northern bonds is to be handed over to the Provincial Government and will not be paid out until work of construction has been completed satisfactorily to the government engineer and his certificate is furnished, the contractor. This is to ensure the public against any possible chance of an expenditure of money for which they do not receive full value.
11. Road to be constructed by the white workers of Canada. Asiatics absolutely excluded from all public works in British Columbia. The company must covenant to pay the standard scale of wages on all work.
12. All material used in connection with the construction of the Canadian Northern to be purchased in British Columbia in every instance where it is possible to do so. Minimum mileage to be constructed each year on island and mainland and will be specified in final agreement.

Failing to carry out these promises, I shall offer my resignation to the Lieutenant-Governor.

RICHARD MCBRIDE.

ITS FULFILMENT

The legislation containing and necessary for the carrying out of the several agreements between the Government of British Columbia and the Canadian Northern & Kettle River Valley Railway Companies, for the construction of their respective lines through and in this province, were presented to Parliament yesterday by Premier McBride, and to a large extent but paraphrase in legal parlance, while also fully redeeming, the outlines of their contents given to the press and electorate by the First Minister during the election campaign of November last, while containing also supplementary guarantees in the public interest, which the bills themselves constitute a primary intimation. The bills, with the necessarily auxiliary documents, redeem in entirety all ministerial promises as to their contents, but one important element being found outside the measures themselves.

This is the provision for the utilization of none but white labor in the execution of the railway undertakings. Premier McBride made a short and explicit explanation to the House during the consideration in committee of His

Honor's message transmitting and recommending the bill embracing the Canadian Northern agreement. This was to the effect that a separate and supplemental agreement is executed by the company, similar in terms and contents to that given by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co. and dated the 9th of October, 1907, binding themselves to the employment of only white labor—the obligation being thus arranged for the obvious reason that were it included in the bill itself it would most probably entail the disallowance of the legislation in its entirety at Ottawa.

The Mortgage Security.

The mortgage security to be given by the Canadian Northern Company in the protection of British Columbia against any ultimate payment under its guarantee of the company's bonds, implementing section 1 of the agreement, is dealt with in section 9. The company covenants and agrees to indemnify the province against any expenditure or interest or otherwise under the guarantee required and given by the province for the more economic

Railway Bills Introduced Into Legislature Yesterday Abundantly Safeguard the Interests of the Province—Company Places Itself Forever Under the Jurisdiction of the Government Regarding Regulation of Rates—Stringent Provisions Governing Completion of Work and Ensuring No Financial Loss to British Columbia—Construction of Island Division Guaranteed—Car Shops for Victoria.

ical financing of the road. This first mortgage upon the British Columbia portions of the Canadian Northern system is duly provided for, forming a part of the supplementary instruments in connection with the financial trust or trusteeship required in the administration of the bond proceeds and the advance of moneys originating in the sale of bonds, which may only be claimed by and paid out to the railway company not only as mileage construction progresses but as substantial fractions of the entire system are completed.

The Ratifying Bill.

The bill to ratify the agreement entered into on the 17 January ultimo, between His Majesty the King, as represented in and by the Province of British Columbia, and the Canadian Northern Railway Co., comprises but ten short pages. The preliminary clauses provide formally for the ratification of this agreement—for the authorization and empowerment of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Co. (as the company's British Columbia section will be titled) to implement the agreement—for the execution and the operation of the guarantee—for the guarantee of further securities in respect of branch or auxiliary lines in the future (with authorization of necessity by legislation when the time arrives for this very possibly being sought)—for the execution of supplementary instruments—and for the exemption of the railway companies from liability for payments which may be made by the province as guarantor.

Section 4 of the main bill, which deals specifically with future guarantees, is of sufficient interest to justify reproduction in its entirety. This section reads:

"4. Subject to the proviso in this section contained, the mortgages or deeds of trust (hereinafter called the original instruments) securing the securities provided to be guaranteed by said agreement may provide for the issue, from time to time, and ranking pari passu with said securities and without preference or priority one over the other, of additional securities of similar kind, tenor, and effect, not exceeding thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) per mile of additional lines of

this seventeenth day of January, A. D., 1910.

Between His Majesty the King (hereinafter called "the government," and herein acting and represented by the Hon. Richard McBride, minister of mines for the province of British Columbia), of the first part, and the Canadian Northern Railway Company (hereinafter called "the Northern Company"), of the second part.

Whereas the government of the province of British Columbia deems it in the public interest to aid in the construction of the lines of railway hereinafter mentioned, for the purpose of securing to the people of British Columbia reasonable passenger and freight rates, and to assist in the opening up and the development of the province:

Now, the agreement witnesseth, and the parties hereto have agreed as follows:

1. The government will, at the next session of the legislature of British Columbia, promote the passage of an act, a copy of which is a schedule hereto, ratifying and confirming this agreement, and authorizing and confirming the guarantee hereby agreed to be given.

2. The government will, at the next session of the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia, promote the passage of an act, a copy of which is a schedule hereto, incorporating the "Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company" (hereinafter called the "Pacific Company"), and authorizing that company to construct, maintain, and operate the works and railways hereafter provided for.

3. Subject as aforesaid, all covenants and agreements herein contained shall, according to the tenor and nature thereof, be binding on and extend to the respective successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

4. The Northern Company covenants and agrees with the government that the Pacific Company shall and will well, truly, and faithfully acquire, lay out, make, build, construct, complete, equip, maintain and operate, or cause to be operated, continuously the following lines of railway of a standard uniform gauge of four feet eight and one-half inches within the limits of the province of British Columbia, that is to say:

(a.) A line of railway connecting with the main line of the Northern Company at some point at or within the eastern boundary of the said province; thence through the province, through the city of New Westminster, to a point in the city of Vancouver, and also to a point at or near English Bluff, south of the Fraser river, a distance of approximately five hundred miles; such line of railway to be constructed from the point of the eastern boundary aforesaid, via the Yellowhead Pass, the North Thompson river, the South Thompson river, and the Fraser river, to the terminal aforesaid. The Pacific Company will endeavor to bring its line into the city of Kamloops, either by diverting its main

line so as to run through the city, or by the construction of a line connecting its main line with the city; and in the event of such company satisfactorily completing such arrangements and constructing into or through the city, the government will extend the foregoing guarantee so as to cover any additional mileage occasioned by such construction:

(b.) From a point in the city of Victoria to a point on or near Barkley Sound, on the island of Vancouver, a distance of approximately one hundred miles.

5. The Northern Company covenants and agrees with the government that the Pacific Company will also construct, or cause to be constructed, operated, and maintained, along and in connection with each of said lines of railway, a telegraph line, and supply all such telegraph equipment and apparatus as may be necessary for the efficient working of such telegraph lines, both for railway and commercial service.

6. The Northern Company covenants and agrees with the government that the Pacific Company will also establish, or cause to be established, by the time the firstly described line of railway is ready for operation, and thereafter shall operate, or cause to be operated, from a harbor at or near English Bluff on the mainland of British Columbia to and from a harbor at or near the city of Victoria, a first-class modern passenger, mail, express, and car-ferry service.

7. The Northern Company further covenants and agrees with the government that in the location, construction, maintenance and operation of the said above-mentioned lines of railway the following provisions shall apply, and shall be observed by the Pacific Company, and be by it completely and effectually performed, filled and carried out, that is to say: (a.) That the Pacific Company shall and will locate and construct the said above lines of railway, respectively, by the shortest possible routes, with only such deviations as may be deemed necessary in order to avoid serious encroachment on the lands of the province, and that as such completion of the lines and terminals hereby agreed to be built or provided within the terms of this Agreement,

(b.) That the lines above mentioned, when completed and equipped, shall in all respects, apart from grades and curvatures (as to which the character of the country through which the lines pass shall be taken into consideration), be equal to the standard of the main line of the Canadian Northern Railway as constructed between the city of Winnipeg, in the province of Manitoba, and the city of Edmonton, in the province of Alberta, as the condition of that line was when first completed and ready for operation. The Pacific Company shall efficiently equip such lines of railway, and shall make the sleeping-cars, dining-cars, and day-coaches thereon the equal of those in use on the first-class railway systems of America:

(c.) That the workmen and laborers employed in or about the construction of the said lines of railway shall be paid such rates of wages as may be currently payable to workmen and laborers engaged in similar occupation in the districts in which said lines of railway are being constructed.

(d.) That the material and supplies used in and about the construction of the lines of railway aforesaid shall be purchased within the province of British Columbia, and from manufacturers, merchants, and dealers located and carrying on business within the province, in so far as such purchases can be made upon terms and conditions equally favorable to the Pacific Company as those obtainable elsewhere:

(e.) In all contracts or sub-contracts providing for or relating to or affecting the construction of the said above-described lines of railway, and any part or parts thereof, the Pacific Company shall provide effectually, or cause to be provided or inserted, a provision embodying and effectually providing for the carrying out of the provisions of sub-sections (c) and (d) of this section:

(f.) That the Pacific Company will commence, or cause to be commenced, the works provided for in this agreement within three months after the execution by the Government of the trust deed or deeds securing the guaranteed securities hereafter referred to, but not later than the first day of July, 1910, at the points and in the manner hereinafter prescribed, that is to say:—

On the mainland of British Columbia at or near the City of New Westminster, AND ON VANCOUVER ISLAND AT OR NEAR THE CITY OF VICTORIA, and shall effectually continue the work of construction so that from and after the commencement of construction of the lines aforesaid there shall be expended thereon, in supplies and material for use thereon, as follows: On the mainland line, a minimum of the cost equivalent of at least fifty miles of line during the first year, seventy-five miles during the second year, and one hundred miles during the third year; and on the Barkley Sound line, the equivalent of at least twenty miles during each year, and so that both of such lines shall be fully completed on the first day of July, A.D. 1914:

(g.) The Northern Company agrees that the Pacific Company will, from and after the completion of the mainland line, subject to the act of God, and such other interruptions as are

incidental to and unavoidable in the operation of railroads, maintain the cause to be maintained, a regular daily first-class passenger and freight service between a harbor at or near the City of Victoria and the system of the Northern Company lying to the east of the Province of British Columbia, and that the railways of the Northern Company and of the Pacific Company shall interchange traffic so as to afford the same convenience of operation to the public as if the lines of the two railways were operated by one company, and will also, after the completion of the Barkley Sound line, subject to the exceptions aforesaid, maintain, or cause to be maintained, on such last-mentioned line a daily freight and passenger service in every way commensurate with the business which may be offered:

(h.) THE PACIFIC COMPANY WILL ERECT AND MAINTAIN, WITHIN THREE MILES OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, ALL OF THE WORK SHOPS, REPAIR SHOPS, AND ROUNDHOUSES WHICH IT MAY REQUIRE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SECONDLY DESCRIBED LINE, and which it may establish at or near the southern terminus of such line:

(i.) The Pacific Company will provide and maintain ADEQUATE TERMINAL FACILITIES IN CONNECTION WITH ITS BUSINESS AT THE CITY OF VICTORIA and at the City of Vancouver:

(j.) In the event of the Government desiring for traffic other than railway purposes to join in the construction and use of any bridge which the Pacific Company is about to erect, it may, within reasonable time before the Pacific Company commences construction thereof, notify that Company of its intention so to do, whereupon it shall be the duty of the parties to endeavor to agree upon plans suitable to the requirements of the Pacific Company as well as to the requirements of the Government. The cost of any bridge so erected shall be divided between the parties joining in the erection of the said bridge, and the bridge shall thereafter be maintained all on terms and division of expense and cost to be agreed upon between the interested parties.

(k.) The Pacific Company shall, by the trust indentures or indentures hereinafter mentioned, or by other instrument, covenant and undertake with the Government to accept the terms, covenants, and conditions of this contract, and to construct the several works, make the several payments, and do the several things which under this Agreement are to be constructed, paid, or done by the Pacific Company, all in accordance with the several terms and provisions hereof; whereupon, and upon the completion of the lines and terminals hereby agreed to be built or provided within the terms of this Agreement,

and when the same are payable as payable or incurred, (m.) The Pacific Company will not alienate, sell, lease, or dispose of the aided lines, or either of them, or less such company shall first obtain the consent thereto of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. This consent shall not, however, be construed to limit or restrict the right or power of the Pacific Company to secure any bonds, debentures, or other indebtedness of such company upon the aided lines by mortgage or trust deeds containing powers of sale, foreclosure, or right of possession:

(n.) The Northern Company agrees that the Pacific Company will furnish to the Government security for the construction and equipment of the aided lines, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, in the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, to the satisfaction of the Government; such security to be by bond or the deposit of securities, or otherwise, as may be agreed upon.

Regulation of Rates

8. In consideration of the guarantee of the securities hereunder, the Northern Company covenants and agrees that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, from time to time, having due regard to the doing to the position and interests of the Pacific Company, and in the case of traffic destined to or originating in the other Provinces of Canada, bearing also in mind the desirability of obtaining reasonable rates from points in the Province of British Columbia to points in the other Provinces, or vice versa, MODIFY ANY RATES ESTABLISHED BY THE PACIFIC COMPANY FOR THE CARRIAGE OF FREIGHT AND PASSENGERS TO AND FROM POINTS ON THE SAID AIDED LINES WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. Provided, always, that before any rates are so modified, the Pacific Company shall be heard and its interests taken into consideration as aforesaid: Provided, further, that if the Pacific Company at any time be dissatisfied with any rates so modified by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, it shall have the right to appeal from the order modifying any such rates to the Supreme Court of British Columbia. Any such appeal shall be heard before the Chief Justice and one of the Justices, or before two of the Justices of such Court (hereafter referred to as "the Appellate Tribunal"), who, upon any notice of such appeal being given, shall be nominated by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to hear and determine such appeal. The Appellate Tribunal, in the event of any such appeal, shall have au-



railway in the Province of British Columbia, to be hereafter constructed by the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company executing the original instruments: Provided, always, that before such additional securities are issued, the guarantee by the Province of the payment of the principal and interest thereon shall first have been authorized by the Legislature, and that such guarantee shall first have been given pursuant to such authorization."

Memorandum of Agreement.

The major portions of the bill, which follow, are found in the schedule, which sets forth the memorandum of agreement in the following terms:

Memorandum of agreement made



the Northern Company shall be relieved from its covenants herein, except as agreed in paragraph 6 and sub-paragraphs (g), (h), and (i) of this paragraph, and in paragraph 17 hereof:

(l.) The Canadian Northern Railway Company agrees to indemnify the Government against all payments which it may make under the terms of this Agreement, and against all loss which it may be put to so far as the same shall be repayable by the Pacific Company hereunder, and against all interest which this Agreement provides the Pacific Company will repay, and against all costs to which the Government may be put in enforcing its securities hereunder as

thority, and it shall be its duty, with power to call and examine on oath or otherwise such witnesses as either party may desire; to examine into, or cause to be examined into, all accounts, vouchers, or accounts of the Company; to call in the assistance of such experts, and generally to make such investigation as it may be deemed desirable to enable it to determine the matters involved in such appeal and thereupon it may either confirm, modify, disallow, or revise such rates so appealed against and determine any such appeal. (Continued on Page 5.)

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Mining at Jervis Inlet.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 4.—Word was brought from Sechart by the steamer Tartar that the Ben Riea placer mining proposition at the head of Jervis Inlet will start operations next month. There are three or four outfits waiting for the snow to fly in order to commence preparations. A story is being circulated up coast that a strike of tin has been made around Jervis Inlet.

circuit court of appeals modified and then affirmed today the decree of foreclosure granted by Judge Lacombe against the Metropolitan Street Railway Company. The decree, as amended, says that the purchasers shall pay at least \$10,000,000 in cash and that the whole system is to be sold as an entirety. In case there is no bid for \$10,000,000, the decree provides for cutting the property into parcels and offering the parcels from the auction block.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The U. S.

BUYS BUSINESS LOT ON YATES

Property Near A. O. U. W. Hall Changes Hands—Deals in Acreage and Residential Holdings.

Among the latest deals reported in the real estate market is the sale of lot 371 on Yates street, two lots east of the A. O. U. W. hall which changed hands for \$21,000. The purchaser was Dr. Mason, the deal being negotiated by P. R. Brown & Sons. Two months ago this property changed hands for \$18,000.

W. Baylis of the Queen's Hotel has closed out the balance of his holdings at Foul Bay, the purchaser being a local syndicate for which McPherson and Fullerton will be the sole agents. The amount involved was \$25,000. Extensive improvements will be carried out at this property, which will be placed on the market in the form of a subdivision. A large amount of property in the Foul Bay district has been changing hands recently.

Currie and Power report the sale of 160 acres of agricultural land in the Comox district.

S. A. Baird has just put five acres on Saanich road through the market the consideration being \$4,500.

Two lots on First street have changed hands at \$600 each, the purchasers in each instance being local people.

The North West Realty company has just sold a house and lot on Tennyson avenue; a lot on Camosun street; and a house and an acre of land on Douglas street, at the end of the car line. Grant and Lineham report the sale of four acres of land in the Oak Bay district, the vendor being Mr. McBurney.

BANK FIGURES ARE CLIMBING

Aggregate for the Past Two Months Shows Increase of Sixty Per Cent. Over Same Months Last Year

Local bank clearings for the two months of the present year aggregated \$12,795,337, compared with \$8,556,873 for the corresponding period a year ago, an increase of sixty-one per cent., and with \$8,662,308 for the months of January and February in 1909, an increase of sixty per cent.

While the figures for last month show a falling off compared with those of January, a decrease accounted for by the bad weather conditions, which have interfered with business to a considerable extent, the results are distinctly favorable when compared with the months of February in 1909 and 1908. The monthly returns for the present year to date compared with those of the same months in the past two years were:

Month.	1910	1909	1908
Jan.	\$7,350,267	\$4,235,476	\$4,391,096
Feb.	\$5,445,070	\$4,321,397	\$4,271,712

Total .. \$12,795,337 \$8,556,873 \$8,662,808

LABOR BILLS ARE INTRODUCED

J. H. Hawthornthwaite Brings in Measures Affecting Interests of the Workers—An Eight-Hour Day

An interesting series of short bills for the improvement of conditions among the workers has just been introduced in the legislature by Mr. Hawthornthwaite. One—and probably the most important—proposes to establish a general eight-hour day, the material clause reading as hereunder, and "24 hours" being subsequently defined as, for the purposes of this legislation, from midnight to midnight.

"No person shall be employed in any industry, where the hours of labor have not been already regulated by law, for a longer period than eight hours in any twenty-four hours, and six days in any one week."

Another of these bills of the Socialist leader provides that:

"The health officers of any municipality, health district or outlying district shall, during the months of January, May and September in every year, visit all logging, lumber, railway, sawmill and mining camps in their respective districts and examine into the sanitary conditions thereof, and shall also examine the water supply of said camps and report upon said sanitary conditions and said water supply to the Provincial Board of Health."

A third bill proposes to amend the Labor Regulation Act by including machinists employed in smelters and those protected by the statute amended; the amending sentence reading as a part of section 2 of the act:

"Nor in any work in the course of which he is brought in contact with either smoke, fumes, dust or heat arising from and smelting or refining operations."

As to the Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act, it is proposed to so amend it as to specifically include "glory holes" in the same category as shafts, tunnels, pits or quarries from which ore is being taken in mining operations.

Prevents Discrimination.

The fifth bill will be of especial interest to trades unionists generally, being in the preamble described as "An Act to Prevent Discrimination Against Trades Unionists." The two material sections of this bill in their entirety read:

"1. It shall be unlawful for any person,

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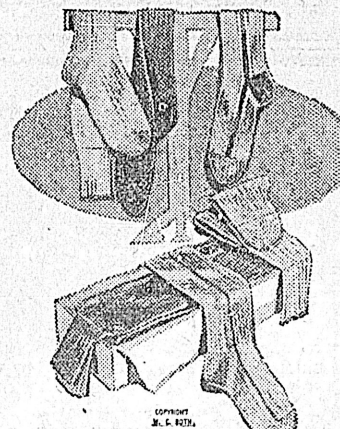
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The Budget in Brevities

Significant Facts From Finance Minister Bowser's Review of Provincial Conditions That Parliament Is Now Debating.

The funded debt of the province has been reduced by one and three-quarter millions.

The provincial debt was, during last year alone, reduced by upwards of two million dollars.

The net debt of the province is now less than \$1,000,000—it was but \$1,050,000 when the minister's figures were prepared.

Last year's revenue exceeded the estimates by upwards of \$1,521,224.

The province has at present on deposit in the Bank of Commerce \$6,108,709, earning 3 per cent. interest, or \$180,000 per annum.

The export and import trade of British Columbia is \$100 per cent.—the largest of any country in the world.

Taxation in this year reduced to about \$1.20 per capita, approximately 12 cents per capita reduction from the last semi-decadal period.

The surplus last year (for a nine months' period) was \$922,000, equivalent to \$1,250,000 for the year.

Before the McBride government there were but two surpluses in the history of the province, of less than \$50,000 combined; during the McBride administration surpluses have exceeded \$4,600,000.

Under the present government receipts have consistently and unfailingly exceeded estimates by over \$6,000,000 in the aggregate, while expenditures have invariably been kept within the estimates.

The total provincial assessment last year was \$104,916,356, to which being added the assessments in the four chief cities, \$58,044,279, a total is produced of \$162,960,635. This year the total assessments of the province will exceed \$200,000,000.

Expenditures for the coming year are increased and amount in the total to \$7,738,257—by far the largest appropriation in the provincial history.

Record production in both output and value of timber and minerals is anticipated for the twelvemonth now indicated.

Civil service salaries are increased throughout the province in proportion to the growth and demands of the country's business, the increase being approximately \$85,000, advances being made by grading performed by an impartial and independent commission.

Teachers' salaries in the assisted schools (140 in number) are increased year by year by \$15,660, and within the E. & N. railway belt (47 schools) by \$4,400, making the total increases \$20,100, or an average increase of \$137.48 per annum for each teacher.

The large provincial expenditures that have been made during recent years and are now being made to develop the province and enhance its position as an important portion of the Empire, are shown to constitute the strongest argument in support of the campaign for better terms from the Dominion.

The general estimates (divided into the districts to be traversed) provide for the inauguration of the trans-British Columbia and inter-provincial trunk road, from Vancouver to connect with the Alberta road system at Crow's Nest. On this work \$50,000 will this year be spent, and next year steel bridges will be built at Trail and at Kootenay Landing, to span respectively the Columbia and the Kootenay, costing \$100,000 in each case.

British Columbia's 2,000 miles of railway (25 per cent. of which have been built during the McBride regime) will be doubled in the ensuing five years, without cost to the country.

Railway lands held by the C. P. R. and other corporations will hereafter be assessed up to the limit of their obligations under the law.

No extensions of railway charter privileges will hereafter be allowed; security deposits being forfeited in future in every case wherein charter concessions are not implemented by building within the time limit prescribed.

Inspectors of tramways and of electric plants are to be appointed, to guard against the jeopardizing of the public safety through poor equipment, bad track-laying or inferior equipment of rolling stock.

The special forest reserves recommended by the forestry commission will also be made game preserves for the replenishment of indigenous game animals and birds and the climatization of imported varieties.

The agricultural department is being reorganized on lines of specialization and hereafter all expenditures for fall fairs, stockraisers' association, fruitgrowers', dairymen, etc.—will be controlled and distributed by the department.

"2. It shall be unlawful for any employer or employers of labor, or any person acting on their behalf, to ask any person seeking employment, or any person already employed by such employer or employers, any question or questions that would divulge or tend to divulge, as to whether such employer or prospective employee was or was not a member of a labor organization."

An immediate audit is to be made of the books of the Shuswap & Okanagan railway to ascertain if the province is not entitled rightly to a larger share of traffic receipts that it has heretofore received.

The trans-Fraser bridge, at New Westminster will hereafter be free to foot and vehicular traffic.

Hospitals and charities receive this year grants increased by upwards of 10 per cent.—the total appropriation being \$200,000 as against \$132,000 last year.

Educational expenditures are this year increased \$131,872—\$40,000 being provided for a new Normal school at Vancouver; teachers' salaries being everywhere advanced; provision being made for rural high school, and for public night schools; manual training being extended; and provision made for compulsory medical examinations in the schools and sanitation of premises.

Two hundred thousand dollars is apportioned for the new court house at Vancouver; \$20,000 for new Provincial buildings at Kaslo; and approximately \$15,000 towards the new court house at Vernon.

Two hundred thousand dollars will be spent in the improvement of conditions for the treatment, care and cure of the insane.

One hundred thousand dollars is set apart for the protection of river banks from erosion—this being a work properly devolving upon the federal government but neglected by that authority. There is also \$20,000 for a seawall at Victoria to save Beacon Hill park from the sea's encroachments.

Hereafter the government will not assist agricultural societies in making up deficits or in paying for new buildings, but will contribute materially towards prize lists.

Ten thousand dollars is to be spent this year in planting and caring for experimental orchards—fifteen in number—which later will be converted or developed into demonstration farms.

Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars will be given towards the building of a free municipally-owned bridge across the Second Narrows, near Vancouver.

Twenty thousand dollars will be spent this year in importing (through the Salvation Army) British girls for domestic service, \$10,000 being for a permanent home or receiving depot for these girls, at Vancouver. The balance remaining on loan to be continually used in the importation of respectable girls for service. One hundred such girls will be brought out this year, and 150 during 1911.

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V. W. A. A. WILL HOLD MEETING TONIGHT

Members of the Victoria West Athletic association will hold a meeting this evening. It is for the purpose of considering further plans for the prosecution of the canvass for funds for the new club buildings and the procuring of shells and other paraphernalia to allow the athletic ladies of the western district to enjoy summer sports this year. Thus far the response, from those parties who have been approached, has been reassuring, but the opinion of the supervising officers is that the committees are not covering the ground as fast or as thoroughly as might be. The gathering, therefore, may be considered in the light of an occasion for the stimulation of interest in the movement. It is trusted that there will be a large attendance.

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by the order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, in conformity with the provisions of this section, shall, except as modified on such appeal, be rates which the Pacific Company will be entitled to enforce in respect of the services covered by such rates. The Canadian Northern Railway undertakes that, and that the Pacific Company will agree that it will not, bring or promote any appeal to the Railway Commission of Canada from any order made under and pursuant to the provisions of this section; and, in the event of any such appeal being brought by either, that the Northern Company and the Pacific Company will represent to the Commission, on such appeal, that it is satisfied with the rates the subject of such appeal in so far as they are, or have been, established within the provisions of this section.

Regarding the Bonds.
9. The Pacific Company shall cause to be legally issued bonds, debentures, debenture stock, or other securities (hereinafter referred to as "securities") for a total amount equal to thirty thousand dollars (\$35,000) per mile of each of the said two lines of railway to be added under the terms of this agreement, payable in not less than thirty years, with interest at four per cent. (4 per cent.) per annum, half-yearly. The total number of miles of railway to be covered by such guaranteed securities shall not exceed six hundred miles in all, unless such mileage be extended under the provisions hereof with regard to construction into the City of Kamloops. Such securities shall be secured by a trust instrument, or instruments, to trustees, to be approved of by the Government, granting a first mortgage or charge (subject to the exception hereunder) upon the specific lines so to be added, and upon the car-ferry tolls, incomes, rents, and revenues thereof, and upon the rolling stock, equipment, and property of the Pacific Company acquired for the purpose of and used in connection with said mortgage lines and ferry, and upon such of the franchises of the Pacific Company as may be appurtenant thereto. There shall be reserved from the operations of the said trust instrument and securities any and all terminals of the Pacific Company and any and all subsidiaries which may be granted to the company. The said trust instrument or instruments, and the mortgage and charge thereby created, and the securities guaranteed, shall be subject to payment of the working expenses of the Pacific Company as defined (so far as applicable) in the Railway Act of Canada. The terms of the trust instrument shall be settled between the Government and the Pacific Company, and when so settled, executed, and recorded, in accordance with the provisions of the "British Columbia Railway Act," shall, as affecting the rights of any holder of any such guaranteed security (whether pledgee or owner, be deemed a full compliance with, and in form and terms authorized by this agreement and the enabling act.

(a) The class of securities to be issued and guaranteed as aforesaid shall be determined by the Pacific Company before the issue thereof, and the form of guarantee to be given shall be settled between the company and the Government, and shall be appropriate to the nature and class of securities to be issued and guaranteed hereunder.

(b) The securities may be of any of the classes mentioned, or partly of several such classes, and the trust instrument or instruments may contain suitable provision enabling an exchange of securities from one class to another, in the case of such an exchange, of an amount of newly issued securities equal to the amount of previously guaranteed securities then delivered up and cancelled.

(c) The Province of British Columbia shall guarantee the said securities when and as issued, and when so guaranteed the securities shall be delivered to the Canadian Bank of Commerce, or such other bank or banks as the Pacific Company and the Government may approve, to be by the bank delivered on the order of the Pacific Company from time to time to the purchasers or pledgees thereof, upon the moneys realized by sale, pledge, or otherwise of such securities being paid directly by the purchaser, subscriber, pledgee, or lender into the said bank, or into the Bank of Scotland, or Lloyds' Bank, or such other bank or banks as the case may be and as the Government may approve, to the credit of a special account or accounts, in the name of the Minister of Finance, of the Province of British Columbia. Provided that if money be borrowed by the Pacific Company upon pledge or otherwise of any of such securities prior to the sale thereof, and to be paid into the credit of such account or accounts as aforesaid, the amount so paid in shall be deducted from the purchase price subsequently received from the securities so borrowed, and the balance only shall be paid in. Provided, further, that securities borrowed upon may, after the loans thereon have been paid or discharged by the Pacific Company, or by deduction from subsequent sale of bonds, be issued or re-issued, and shall be secured by the trust indenture of the indentures before referred to, and be entitled to the benefit thereof, notwithstanding such loans and payment and discharge.

Transfer of Funds.
(d) The balances at the credit of the said special account or accounts shall be credited with interest at such times and at such rates as may be agreed upon between the Pacific Company and the bank holding same, and the said balances shall from time to time be transferred to the Pacific Company, or its nominees, in monthly payments, as far as practicable, as the construction of the lines of railway aforesaid is proceeded with to the satisfaction of the government and according to the specification or standard determined by this contract; and from time to time, as the work of construction proceeds, the government, by the minister of finance, or other duly appointed representative of the government, shall, out of the said balances, certify to the bank the amount to be transferred from the said account to the credit of the Pacific Company, or its nominees, in monthly payments, as far as practicable, such sums as are justifiable, having regard to the proportion of work done, and material and supplies purchased for the said railway, as compared with the whole work done and to be done thereon, pending completion of the said lines; and the government shall from time to time, as required, transfer to the Pacific Company any interest earned by the moneys so on deposit in any such bank

to assist such company in paying the interest accruing on any outstanding guaranteed securities under the balance at the credit of such special account or accounts shall, until paid out as above provided, be deemed part of the premises included in said trust instrument, and shall not be taken to be public moneys received by the province.

10. Should the earnings of the Pacific Company during each or any of the first three years of operation, after completion of the aided lines, be insufficient to pay the operating expenses and interest on the guaranteed securities, the government shall pay the amount of such deficit of interest to the Pacific Company, or such persons, firms, or corporations as may be entitled thereto. Any moneys so paid by the government shall be repayable (except as hereinafter provided) by the Pacific Company at the maturity of the guaranteed securities, which shall bear interest at four per cent. per annum, which interest the Pacific Company shall pay or cause to be paid half-yearly on the first day of January and the first day of July in each year, but the Pacific Company shall have the privilege of repaying at any time any such moneys, whereupon interest upon the principal repaid shall cease. The government shall have the privilege of calling in the money so paid by the government at any time after ten years after the said three-year period by six months' notice in writing to the company, and the company, with interest to date, shall become and be payable to the government. Said notice may be given at any time during the last six months of the ten-year term, or thereafter. In the event of the government making an issue of securities to procure any money to make any such payments, or otherwise borrowing the same, the Pacific Company shall also pay to the government any loss or expense which the government shall be put to thereby; but in such event the government shall take into account any saving of interest by reason of such loan being obtained, or securities issued, bearing interest at a rate less than four per cent.

11. For the purpose of ascertaining any deficits under the preceding paragraph, no salaries paid by the Pacific Company shall be taken as a disbursement except those of such persons as devote their entire services to the company, or devote some substantial portion thereof to the company, and in the latter case a fair proportion only of their salaries shall be taken as disbursements.

12. The Pacific Company shall keep during the currency of the bonds separate books of account in which shall be correctly set forth in full detail the cost of the said lines, the operating expenses, and the earnings thereof, or such as should be properly credited thereto, and it shall retain and keep during such period all proper vouchers and receipts, and any appointee of the government shall, at all reasonable times, if permitted to inspect and audit said books and vouchers, the Pacific Company facilitating as far as possible any such audit when so made.

13. The government, hereby covenants and agrees with the Northern Company that it will covenant and agree with the Pacific Company in manner following, that is to say:

Usual Concessions.

(a) To convey to the Pacific Company by free grant a right-of-way not exceeding one hundred feet in width for the said lines of railway above described, in so far as the same extends or shall extend through vacant Crown lands of the Province of British Columbia:

lands of the Province of British Columbia by a free grant such vacant Crown lands of the Province of British Columbia as may be necessary for sidings, stations, embankments, cuts, bridges, culverts, drains, and other works and approaches thereto, in such locality, area, and shape as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may deem reasonable and necessary.

(c) To license the Pacific Company free of charge to take from any vacant Crown lands of the Province of British Columbia, with the approval of the Chief Commissioner of Lands, all standing timber, gravel, and other material which may be necessary for the construction of the lines of railway aforesaid, and will also permit the Pacific Company to take all in and upon any vacant Crown lands of the Province of British Columbia:

(d) To convey to the Pacific Company by a free grant any vacant Crown lands which such Company may desire for the purpose of establishing divisional points or townships along the aided lines. So far as the acreage belonging to the Government permits, these grants shall consist of one thousand two hundred and eighty acres at each divisional point, and six hundred and forty acres at each other township. The lands so to be granted shall be administered under the terms of an appropriate agreement which will be entered into between the Government and the Pacific Company, which agreement shall provide that such of the said lands as are not required for the railway purposes of such Company shall be administered by the Pacific Company as townships for the joint benefit of the Government and such Company, in the proportion of two-thirds to such Company and one-third to the Government; and the Government permits that such portions thereof as shall be required for the purposes of the Pacific Company (which portion, as the property of the Company, will come within the railway exemption clause hereinafter), shall be exempt from taxation until sold or occupied.

(e) The Pacific Company, and its capital stock, franchises, incomes, tolls, and all properties and assets, which form part of or are used in connection with the operation of its railway, shall, until the first day of July, A.D. 1924, be exempt from all taxation whatsoever, or however imposed, by, with, or under the authority of the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, or by any municipal or school organization in the Province:

(f) To permit the Pacific Company, on terms to be mutually agreed upon, to use the Government bridge at Westminster for the purposes of the operation of its railway; and in the event of such an arrangement being entered into, it shall not be the duty of the Company to construct its line in duplication of the said bridge, but in the event of such arrangement and use, such bridge shall not be considered as guaranteed mileage hereunder:

(g) To guarantee the securities of the Pacific Company in the manner and subject to the provisions herein contained. If on account of strikes, reasonably unavoidable delays in procuring men, supplies, or other causes for which the Pacific Company or its contractors are not responsible, the work is delayed so that it cannot be completed within the agreed time, the time within which construction is to be completed may be extended by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

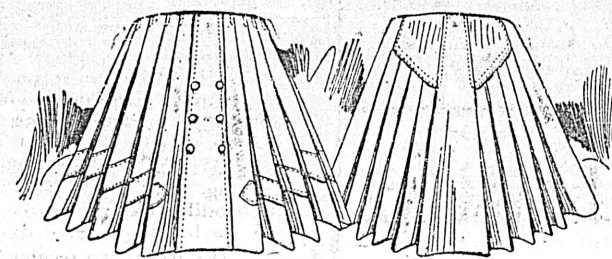
15. In the event of the Pacific Company acquiring by purchase any sec-

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tion or mileage of any other railway property forming a portion of either of the two projected lines, such acquired section or mileage shall be deemed constructed lines within the meaning and for the purpose of this Agreement and the guarantees hereunder.

17. THE NORTHERN COMPANY AGREES THAT THE PACIFIC COMPANY SHALL NOT, AND THE NORTHERN COMPANY AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT, DECLARE A WORK FOR THE GENERAL ADVANTAGE OF CANADA.

18. If in the prosecution of any of the things by the company hereby agreed to be done, it should appear that owing to unforeseen engineering difficulties or other circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the company it will be impossible or impracticable to carry out absolutely the terms of this agreement the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for the province of British Columbia may from time to time authorize amendments hereto, or changes herein, so long as in so doing the spirit of this agreement be not thereby departed from.

19. This agreement shall not come into effect until ratified by the legislature of British Columbia, and until the legislation made schedules hereto, shall have been duly enacted by such legislature.

has been duly executed by the parties hereto. Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:
(Sgd.) W. J. BOWSER, Attorney General.
As to the Canadian Northern Ry. Co. (Sgd.) F. H. PHIPPEN
(Sgd.) RICHARD McBRIDE, Minister of Mines.
(Seal.)
THE CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY
(Sgd.) W. MACKENZIE,
(Sgd.) R. P. ORMSBY, Acting Secretary.
(Seal.)

Note.—The schedule referred to in paragraph 1 of the above agreement is this act, and the schedule referred to in paragraph 2 of the above agreement is "An Act to incorporate the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company."

BIG INCREASE IN BUILDING FIGURES

Aggregate Value for First Two Months of Year Show Increase of Forty Per Cent. Over Year Ago

With an increase aggregating forty per cent. in the past two months as compared with the same period year ago, building activity in Victoria this year has increased to such an extent that should the same pace be kept up for the balance of the year, and there is every likelihood that it will, or even do better the present year will see all building records broken here. For the months of January and February, by no means ideal months for the building trades, the aggregate value of the structures for which permits have been issued was

\$250,745, compared with \$200,760 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of \$79,985. The figures were as follows:

	1910	1909
January	\$128,985	\$78,080
February	151,760	122,680
Total	\$280,745	\$200,760

During the two months the total number of permits issued totaled 123, compared with 87 a year ago. The month just ended established a record in the number of permits issued—75.

The present month promises to show an aggregate value for buildings far in advance of either the last two months. The permits for the Empress Hotel addition, the Times building, the October apartment block and a number of others will be issued, which will bring the month's total well up to the figures of last March, when the \$350,000 mark was made.

Permits issued yesterday and Saturday were: James Galdston, dwelling on Princess street, to cost \$1,300; John Williams, dwelling on Niagara street, to cost \$1,800, and three permits for minor alterations aggregating \$350.

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THE RAILWAY POLICY.

Mr. McBride presented the Canadian Northern Railway bills to the legislature yesterday. Today he expects to move the second reading. We present a synopsis of the bills elsewhere in today's issue. It will be read with very great interest. The features of the Kettle River Valley Railway Act have been known to the public since the dissolution of the last House, for the contract was completed with the company at that time. Colonist readers will remember that the Canadian Northern was prepared, previous to the election, to enter into a formal contract, but Mr. McBride was unwilling to accede to such a proposal, because he wished to give the questions involved the fullest possible consideration, as well as to ascertain public opinion in regard thereto and accepted a preliminary agreement signed by Mr. D. D. Mann on behalf of the company. Just before the election, and when discussion on public platforms, in the press and elsewhere had brought out all the important points that ought to be regarded in preparing the proposed contract, Mr. McBride made a formal announcement of the terms upon which he, as the person charged with the custody of the interests of the people, would insist. Perusal of the bill now before the legislature will show that he has lived up to his undertaking in every particular, and that the measure to which he will invite the assent of the House has been devised with special care to see that the advantages which the people expect to derive from the construction of the Canadian Northern Railway from Yellow Head Pass to Barkley Sound will be realized as fully as it is possible to ensure anything by legislation. We think Mr. McBride is entitled to very sincere congratulations upon the manner in which he has discharged the exceedingly difficult task with which he was entrusted by the people. Although he had a great majority of the members-elect at his back, that fact is far from making his work easier, really rendered it more difficult. In his Budget speech Mr. Bowser very properly said: "It was not the railway policy that carried the government but the government that carried the railway policy," and that means very much. It means that the people of British Columbia entrusted to Mr. McBride and his colleagues the responsibility of drawing up and ratifying by statute a measure of supreme importance, involving not only the financial credit of the province, but the securing for the people of the province the benefits which they might reasonably expect to receive in consideration of the nature and amount of the assistance extended. We know that Mr. McBride, for it is understood that he personally conducted most of the negotiations, approached with no light heart the fulfillment of the obligations he had assumed. He felt that he had promised much and he recognized that the people expected him to make his promises good. The other parties to the negotiations were no tyros in such work. They had dealt with almost every government in Canada before coming to British Columbia, and they had the assistance of able counsel. While we do not pretend to know what Mr. McBride's position was during the negotiations we can judge of it by the length of time consumed in them and the result as shown in the contract and Bill now before the House, and fancy we can not be far wrong if we say that he insisted that whatever was done, he must keep his promise to the people. The result shows a strength of purpose, a watchfulness of the public welfare, an appreciation of the binding nature of his pledges to the electors and a degree of fitness to deal with a problem of that character which places him in the very front rank of practical Canadian statesman, and statesmanship in a country like Canada must first of all be practical. We take great pleasure in making this acknowledgement of Mr. McBride's great service to the province. It is a fitting culmination of the policy upon which he asked for a dissolution of the legislature and appealed to the voters for a renewal of their confidence.

It is fitting in passing to say a few words of Messrs. William Mackenzie and D. D. Mann with whom the negotiations so happily concluded have been carried on. The interest which these gentlemen have taken in British Columbia is not by any means of recent origin, but has extended over a long period. To the knowledge of The Colonist they began their investigation of this province as a field for railway construction some twelve or thirteen years ago and the present is not their first attempt to secure such assistance from the Provincial Government as would enable them to construct a line across British Columbia to the sea.

They were men of foresight, energy and unbounded courage in those days and as the years have passed they have grown stronger in the qualities which made for success and added thereto the prestige which comes from conspicuous achievement.

It can be said truthfully of them that their prosperity has meant the prosperity of the provinces in which their enterprises as railwaymen have been carried on and it is a subject for profound satisfaction that they have seen their way clear to their new departure. They are more than railway men for they bring their chief judgment and ripe experience and the abundant capital which they can control or influence to bear upon the development of the country tributary to their lines. Their position in the railway world is unique for they combine promotion, financing, construction and ownership in themselves. To this end they add the knowledge and ability required for the creation of traffic.

These are the men with whom the province has to deal and they are just as anxious as men can be to perform every detail of the railway contract in a workmanlike manner. We predict a great future for their undertakings in British Columbia and in doing so wish to point out that the completion of the Mainland and Island sections as outlined by the Premier's railway bill is only a portion of the great work they contemplate in this province. We therefore take the liberty of extending a hearty welcome to Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann.

The terms of the contract with the Canadian Northern are so very plain that we shall only refer to them instead of quoting them here. Section 4 of the Contract (not of the Bill) defines the route of the railway. It will be observed by sub-section (b) that the line to Barkley Sound is to begin in Victoria. Section 6 provides for the car-ferry, which is to have its terminus at or near Victoria, and the service is to be "a first-class modern passenger, mail, express and car ferry service." By sub-section (h) of section 7 it is provided that the company's car shops for the island division shall be within three miles of Victoria. It will be observed that section 4 of the Bill provides for government aid to additional mileage. Mr. Mann was careful to make it understood that his company contemplated additional mileage on Vancouver Island, and said it was the intention to make Victoria the headquarters for all the island work. The section last quoted from the contract is in pursuance of this plan. Sub-sections (c), (d) and (e) of section 7 of the contract relate to wages and the purchase of supplies, and will be found highly satisfactory. Sub-section (f) of section 7 provides for the rate of construction, and when the work shall begin. Sub-section (l) of the same section provides for the guarantee of indemnity by the Canadian Northern Railway Company, and sub-section (n) of the contract with the government of a guarantee of \$500,000. Section 8 of the contract is a very notable one, and provides for the control of rates. It is a provision of such a far-reaching nature, and gives the province such complete security that it is a subject of profound congratulation that the company saw its way clear to assent to it. There are other provisions in the Bill to which attention may be directed on a future occasion. For the present it seems sufficient to say that the contract is even better than the government promised.

A SUGGESTION

Here is a suggestion given for what it is worth. Victoria needs two things and needs them both badly. One is a new City Hall; the other is a new theatre. Is it not possible to combine the two? In addition to proper office accommodation for the municipal government there ought to be a place where public meetings can be held. We have had public meetings in the City Hall that packed it to suffocation. We do not suppose any Board of Aldermen would contemplate the erection of a new municipal building without providing for such meetings. Why not make the public hall big enough to be used as a theatre, and rent it for money enough to pay interest on its cost, reserving the right to use it for public purposes when not otherwise occupied? Here are some figures that may be worth thinking over. The site of the present City Hall could probably be sold for \$200,000. The theatre could be rented for \$5,000 a year, which is 4 per cent. on \$125,000. If the structure were erected on land already belonging to the city, this would give \$325,000 for the building, and it would put up very fine premises, the only charge on the city treasury being for insurance and caretaking. It would not be necessary to provide for a sinking fund, for the property would steadily enhance in value.

It may be objected that the theatre ought to be an isolated structure, but practical isolation could be secured by extra fire-proof walls between the two sections, and exits through the City Hall could be provided in case of a fire in the theatre. The whole structure ought in any event to be fire-proof. In these days of ferro-concrete construction there is no excuse for erecting public buildings that are not fire-proof. By adopting fire-proof construction, if the theatre were of a single storey, as it ought to be, the fire insurance could be reduced to a minimum, and much of it would be carried by the lessee.

Experience has shown us that many suggestions, which seem all right at first view, will not stand close in-

vestigation, and this may be the case with this one. If it is faulty, we shall be glad to hear from any one who thinks it is so, and will tell us wherever it is defective. While we are quite of an open mind about it, possibly the suggestion may point the way to the solution of a question that is both difficult and important.

MAKING HISTORY

Naturally people in England and many people out of England are unable to dissociate personal consideration from the political situation existing in the United Kingdom. They are admirers of Mr. Chamberlain or Mr. Lloyd George as the case may be; they have been life-long free traders, or they may be convinced of the advantages of protection; they may regard a landed aristocracy as essential to the state, or they may be democratic in the broadest sense of the word. In these days, when every one is supposed to have opinions about everything it is rare to find a man who will admit that his attitude on any great question is one of suspended judgment. We all take sides, as a matter of course, and if it so happens that we find a person, who is not with us, we take it for granted that he must be against us. But if any one will make the effort to free himself from his personal feelings and his preconceived opinions, he will hardly fail to realize, on careful investigation of the British political situation, that history is being made in that country after a fashion for which there has been no precedent in a hundred years or more, and if such an investigator will take the trouble to inform himself about the manner in which British institutions have been developed, he will see that their history has never been made just as those who shaped it supposed it would be. There is only one thing, of which such knowledge makes us feel certain, and it is that in the end all will go well for the British people, because the common sense of the nation in the end asserts itself and things come out as the people want them to, which ought to be the aim and end of all political policies.

Dismissing all questions of foreign policy, there are in the United Kingdom grave domestic problems that press for solution. Among these the Irish question looms up very large, and while we are of the opinion that the majority of the people of the United Kingdom are opposed to Home Rule, it is notable that no one has as yet suggested an alternative that will allay Irish discontent. The subject is one of enormous difficulty, and is not to be disposed of by ignoring it. What would be the result, if both parties would refuse to entertain anything more than a moderate measure of local self-government and adopt a policy, that would make Ireland a prosperous land, is hardly worth discussing, for the Liberals are committed to Home Rule, and while that is the case the Nationalists will be content with nothing less. Another great problem is that involved in the social and industrial condition of the whole United Kingdom. Even the most enthusiastic free trader must admit that things have changed since Cobden's time, and that the change has been in great part due to the adoption of Cobden's policy. Sixty years ago the population of the United Kingdom was much less than it is now, and Great Britain stood at the head of the world in point of ability to produce those things which mankind needed. It is easy to see now that the success of free trade was inevitable; but without asking any one to form any opinion as to the efficiency of that policy to meet existing conditions, we may mention some considerations, in addition to the Irish question, that must not be lost sight of, for the future policy of the nation must be shaped in accordance with them. These are:

The great increase in the population; The increased efficiency of workingmen owing to the use of machinery; The abundance of food products that can be imported more cheaply than they can be raised at home; The trade barriers erected against British goods in almost all civilized countries;

The enormous growth of British cities; The spread of education, which has had a disturbing effect upon class relations;

The recognition of new principles in social economy; The increased cost of naval and military defence owing to the policy adopted by the nations of Continental Europe;

The development of the British Empire;

Such are some of the considerations, which must be taken into account by those who are engaged in the solution of the British problems of today. When we think of them a little, we cease to be surprised that some of the leading men of the United Kingdom are exhibiting a desire to approach their solution with a great deal of caution. Perhaps there never was so complicated a problem presented to any nation as that to which the people of the United Kingdom are endeavoring to address themselves, with whatever degree of wisdom political partisanship will permit them to exercise.

We do not think the instances, where the federal and provincial Governments have voted money for the protection of reclaimed lands, to which our local contemporary refers, establishes the contention that the ownership of the foreshore carries with it an obligation to provide such protection. Such appropriations of money can be fully justified on the score that they were in the public interest. It will hardly be claimed that if A, a private citizen, owned a piece of foreshore, and B, another private citizen, owned the land abutting thereon, that A was bound to protect B's property from the ravages of the sea. Our contemporary having conceded that the Dominion has expended money for such a service, it ought to go further and show, if it can, why the argument which justified such an expenditure does not apply to the Dallas Road foreshore.

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The presentation of the eagerly-anticipated railway legislation of the session—the continuation and completion of the Budget debate—the rapid movement forward of various items upon the orders, and the inauguration of evening sittings in the House yesterday, all bore testimony to the approaching close of the session remarkable for the business like and systematic disposal of useful legislation. It is intended, if possible, to complete the work of the session during the ensuing two weeks so that prorogation will probably take place about mid-March as contemplated.

It was not until well toward six o'clock last evening that opportunity offered for the presentation of the several measures embodying the railway programme of the government, the bills—four in number—being transmitted by message presented by the Premier, in which His Honor Lieutenant Governor Paterson "transmitted to the legislature" the several pieces of extra-important legislation "and recommended the same to the assembly." These measures are fully dealt with in other columns of this issue.

In resuming the debate upon the budget, Mr. Hawthorthwaite complimented the Finance Minister upon the great care and immense wealth of detail displayed in his elaboration of the financial and general conditions of the province. A certain Victoria paper, had found fault with the Budget defence on this very ground of its voluminousness and its immensity of detail; for his part he thought such criticism undeserved, as it was truly remarkable that the finance minister should not have labored at even greater length in order to cover up the sins and deficiencies of the present government. The minister had taken considerable pains in his political and mad versions to refer to the member for Alberni as "ploughing his lonely furrow" in opposition in the House, but had made no passing reference even to the others of the opposition, possibly regarding it as beneath his ministerial dignity to take cognizance of their existence. He (Mr. Hawthorthwaite) regarded the Liberal party, which Mr. Brewster represents, as practically down and out and very likely to long remain so, but thought that the upward movement of the Socialist party could no longer be checked. Its representatives would not play their true part in the opposition in this country's parliament, until such time—and he hoped it would not be long delayed—when they would oust the Conservatives from the treasury benches. They asked no quarter from the government nor on occasions would they give any. He held that with a very great opportunity placed in their hands, the McBride government had accomplished really nothing for the true benefit of the masses.

Enter the Golden Calf.
The entire speech of the Financial Minister was devoted to money—money—money! As usual, the minister was found prostrating himself before the Golden Calf, and would have it appear that the great desideratum in government or in private life was to pile up wealth. And how had this money been gained to make up the surpluses in which the government of the day took such tremendous pride? First, by means of the thumbscrew and the assessor, and secondarily by the giving away of the natural resources of the province to capitalistic friends. He did not see where any congratulation was owing to the government for the creation of revenue by such methods—through the assessors' office and by the alienation of our natural wealth. It was difficult to follow the Financial Minister in his airy flights, he spoke with such ease of millions mounting on millions. Surely it was not right that any man should do so. (Laughter.) Hearing so much of millions during the Financial Minister's speech, he had all but hypnotized himself into the belief that some part at least of these millions must have stuck to him. (Laughter.) But putting his hand in his pocket he found but the same old \$2.25 that he had left after paying for his modest breakfast, and the same would be the experience of the common people when the tax collector came around; the individual condition of the workers would be just about the same, despite the roseate picture painted by the Financial Minister. He had his doubts as to the prophecies of the minister of British Columbia's golden future.

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It was true the Financial Minister had wished to give the Premier some credit for the creation of this false prosperity—but he had not given him all the kudos. He had forgotten, too, in speaking of the unfortunate conditions prevailing in 1903 or thereabouts, to state that these conditions were not confined to British Columbia. The prevailed generally throughout the continent and the world. Then came the improvement of conditions generally—the boom in real estate—the augmented demand for lumber—and all, of course, vide the Financial Minister, attributable to Mr. McBride! He (Mr. Hawthorthwaite) held that in fact the Premier had no more control over events as they happily for him had shaped themselves, than had the Financial Minister over the tail of Halley's comet. (Laughter.)

Instead of dividing provincial epochs into the periods which the Finance Minister had chosen to entitle the pre-McBride period and the McBride period, the member for Nanaimo elected to divide and deal with them as the pre-Bowser period, the Bowser period which British Columbia was now enduring, and the post-Bowser period. (Laughter.) In the pre-Bowser period, numerous measures had been given a place on the statute book, tending toward the advancement of the condition of the workers and the augmentation of the happiness, comfort and improved social conditions of the masses of the people. At the same time nearly five hundred miles of new railway had been built in British Columbia, and without a single dollar of the public money being spent thereon, by bonus or gift of land, or guarantee of bonds. Then, in the Bowser period, beginning some time toward the end of 1906 and continuing to the present, one would search the records of the House in vain for any single example of legislation for the benefit of the workers, with one single mutilated exception. At the same time millions of acres of land had been alienated from the public domain, and the government was now preparing to give away to railway speculators or builders what in the last analysis amounted to nothing less than forty millions of the public money. As for the post-Bowser period he would have little to say. By that time the Finance Minister would have exhausted the treasury and left for the province nothing of its stores of mineral, of timber, or of landed, assets, to present to his friends.

Turning to taxation, according to the Finance Minister's figures there had been accomplished since the pre-McBride period the magnificent reduction of twelve cents per capita. He expected to see the McBride government go down to posterity as the twelve-cent government in this matter of taxation. But looking closely, it was found that the farmers and the workers generally were not enjoying even this measure of reduction. While the direct taxation was reduced almost imperceptibly, conditions of real, if indirect, taxation were created by the imposition of such additional burdens as teachers' salaries, school maintenance, etc., that even the twelve-cent saving disappeared.

Regarding Schools.
In regard to the matter of schools, the House during the present session had passed a law providing for medical inspections, which he had noted at the time would make for the advantage of the medical profession.

Already, it was found that that profession was moving actively to benefit by this law. In one school district near Victoria he was informed that the doctor demanded a fee of \$2 for each and every one of the four hundred odd pupils attending, or a new burden of \$800 for that school district to bear. The premier had promised to

red-see taxation, but this was no realization, for in the final reckoning, the people would have more to pay than before. The wage-earner and the farmer would be no better off for the vaunted twelve-cent reduction—they would be fortunate if they were not worse off than ever. To deal with larger financial mat-

ters, the member for Nanaimo claimed that the funded debt had not, in reality been reduced—that the government stood very little chance in winning back moneys under the operation of the Shuswap & Okanagan railway that had once gone into the C. P. R. treasury, and that no conscientious efforts had been made by the ministry

to extinguish the provincial debt. As to the excellent position of the British Columbia securities in comparison with those of the Dominion of Canada, he held that the government of British Columbia was in no way responsible. Canadian credit had been prejudicially affected on the money

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Friendly Help Society.

The Friendly Help Society meets this morning in the room in the market hall at 11 o'clock.

Lady Maccabees to Meet

A meeting of the Lady Maccabees will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in Semple's Hall, Victoria West.

Seamen's Institute Guild.

Members of the Ladies' Guild of the Seamen's Institute are asked to attend the meeting in the institute building at 11 a. m.

Annual Meeting Y. W. C. A.

All members of the Young Women's Christian Association of all others who take an interest in their work are asked by the directors to attend the annual meeting tonight at 8 o'clock at the Alexandra Club.

Quashed Conviction

Judge Lampman, in county court yesterday, after hearing argument in the appeal in Allen v. Maxwell, the case in which a rancher named Maxwell was convicted of shooting a sheep belonging to another rancher on Salt Spring island, and sentenced to a considerable term by two Salt Spring magistrates, quashed the conviction and allowed the appeal without costs. C. L. Harrison, who represented Allen, and who obtained bail for him soon after he was brought down here under conviction, presented the facts in the case, and alleged that there were absolutely no grounds for conviction. J. D. Helmcken, K. C., appeared for the other side.

Struck by Car

Death came very close to John R. McDonald, a resident of Victoria West, last evening. In walking towards the Gorge, he stumbled and was lying partially on the tramway rails, in an exceedingly dark part of Phoenix street, when the car came along. It struck him heavily, throwing his body into the road, cutting one of his arms and crushing his face to some extent. Dr. Frank Hall was called, and hurrying to the scene in an automobile, found Mr. McDonald in an unconscious condition. He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, and at the time of writing was reported to be semi-conscious. Dr. Hall expects that his patient will recover.

Chief Will Explain.

At a special meeting of the city council which will be held tomorrow night Chief of Police Langley will appear before the council to give reasons why the additions to the force recently recommended by the police commissioners should be made. At a recent meeting of the council whereat the commission's report was considered several of the aldermen took exception to what they considered the needless expense entailed by the additions to the force suggested. It was then decided to give Chief Langley an opportunity to explaining. Chief Langley appeared before the council last night but on his request that he be heard in private the hearing was postponed until tomorrow night. There were, the chief stated, certain details of department work which he did not think should be talked of in public.

DRUMHEAD SERVICE

Held in Honor of the Victoria Dead in the Charge at Paardeberg

A drum head service attended by the Fifth Regiment C. G. A., the University Cadets and British Campaigner's association, was held at the drill hall on Sunday morning in memory of the Victorians who fell for the Empire at Paardeberg. The victims of the war in South Africa, five of the twenty-five who went from the local corps, were Capt. M. G. Blanchard, Sergt. W. I. Scott, Pte. Todd, Pte. J. H. Somers and Pte. A. Maundrell. Rev. Rev. Bishop Perrin conducted the service, assisted by Rev. T. R. Henegge, chaplain of the Fifth Regiment. The naval and permanent forces from Work Point did not attend the services. Bishop Perrin preached from the text: "Be Ye Faithful Unto Death." He recalled the outburst of patriotism when the Victoria contingent left for the war in South Africa, while many of those who watched them go thought they went but to an Imperial picnic, and he recalled the sorrow which greeted the news of the loss of so many of them when the heroic charges which resulted in forcing the surrender of the Boer army took place at Paardeberg. These five, the memory of whom was being commemorated today, were faithful unto death. The regimental band, at the close of the service, played the Dead March in Saul, followed by the Hallelujah Chorus.

AMUSEMENTS

New Grand Theatre.

The phenomenal strength of Ella Schiavony is the feature of the most remarkable act being played this week at the New Grand theatre. Ella Schiavony is only a girl, but she does some wonderfully fast work. Towards the close of the act, she catches an acrobat who turns hand springs across the stage on her hand and holds him there high in the air while a second man comes flying through the air and is safely caught up high by the middle of the back on the girl's other hand. Outside of the feats of strength the act is first class for the acrobats who take part in it. There is also a mighty clever little dog making six people and the pup altogether. This act will be a capacity house bringer all the week.

Those three singing girls, Elsie Wales, Isabelle Meredith and Evelyn Ellison present a striking and pretty picture. Their voices, soprano, contralto and mezzo soprano are delightfully blended and win for them an abundance of applause and several recalls to the stage. The girls are young and daintily costumed and present a winning and breezy act that is all melody.

Then there is Harry Bachelor, the musical Rube, who plays on all kinds of wind instruments and concludes with a little solo on a pair of suspenders and a miniature bongo. He also has some good imitations of a dog howling and a saw mill, which rend the air hor-

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HE FORGOT TO WORK

And the Tootle Bird Hailed Him as There With Waving Banners

The tootle bird listened in deep silence to the protestations of one of two vagrants whose names had places on the menu card in the police court yesterday morning. The vag declared fervently that he was willing to work, that he had intended to find work but that with all the talk of comets and such the matter had slipped his mind. He assured the court that now the question of finding employment had been recalled to him he would attend to it at once. This so appealed to the old bird that he burst into song as a barrel of gunpowder bursts into a thousand fragments when touched by the holy, or any other kind of fire.

Man may forget his father's name.
Man may forget his nation.
Man may forget the day or month.
Man may forget his station in life.
Man may forget his night door key.
Man may forget his manners.
But he who can forget to work—
He's there with waving banners!!

However, the court showed that it was willing to meet this vag half way and he was released on the understanding that he will search hard for work, using a magnifying glass if necessary.

Vag number two on the docket indignantly objected to being rated as a vagrant. Not only was he a toiler but he could find proofs to show that he had toiled quite recently. The court heard this indignant objection with equanimity and remanded Vag Number Two until today when he will make good with the proof of recent toil.

The two scorners of horny hands having been disposed of the court wrestled with the woes and tribulations of three quaffers. There were four originally but one failed to show up and thereby forfeited his bail. The others paid the usual fines and departed.

Then E. J. Henderson, a man whom the police handle as a Swede foreman handles thawing dynamite, appeared. Henderson was found guilty of obstructing Detective Heather when the latter was in the act of pinching one of the gentlemen quaffers. This quaffer was a friend of Henderson and Henderson minded to prevent his arrest. However Detective O'Leary came to the assistance of Detective Heather and Henderson was forthwith gaffed and landed. He had nothing to say in answer to the charge and the court fined him \$21 or a month in jail. Henderson thought that hard for a moment sized up the buying power of \$21 and finally elected to do the month.

A second young bud, not more than 17 years of age, charged with the lad who came up on Saturday, with having broken into Hibben's store to steal \$48 worth of fountain pens and other materials, was arraigned yesterday. He was remanded until today when both boys will be tried together. In dealing with this case the court is again in a hard position. Both boys are too old to be treated as juveniles and yet are far too young and tender to be crammed into prison with old and hardened criminals. If the latter course is pursued the boys are marked for life and yet, under the circumstances, no other course is open to the court save that of discharging them.

MEAT TRUST CASES

New Jersey Prosecutor Takes Further Steps in Regard to Indicted Corporations

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Capitases for the indicted meat packers and summonses for six indicted meat corporations were ordered by Prosecutor Garven of New Jersey, who will later hand them to Sheriff Kelly for execution. The sheriff will find out who of the indicted men are in his jurisdiction.

Mr. Garven said: "The indicted men know of the indictments, their lawyers have conferred about the indictments and proceedings will now take their regular course. Some time this week," continued Mr. Garven, "I will make application for the dissolution of the charters of the corporation trust company and the corporations named in this proceeding. If they fail to produce the minutes of their annual meetings and other records as required by the subpoenas."

Counsel and James E. Bathgate, Jr., one of the New Jersey directors in the meat combine, appeared before Judge Blair and came today and bail for \$2,500 was furnished for his appearance in court when wanted.

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White Slave Traffic

GUTHRIE, Okla., Feb. 28.—The senate today passed the house "White Slave" bill, which provides a penalty of 20 years' imprisonment for any person found guilty of in any way engaging in the white slave traffic.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The Cuban four and a half per cent gold bonds commanded a premium of one per cent today. The \$5,500,000 issue was so largely over subscribed that the subscription books were closed a half hour after they were opened on Saturday.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. and Mrs. Agassiz and three children are spending a few days here.

Rev. Dr. Spencer left last night for Vancouver.

Capt. R. J. Tatlow left last night for Vancouver.

Chief Justice Hunter left last night for Vancouver.

Miss Neelands left last night for Seattle on a brief trip.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hudson went over to Vancouver last night.

Miss Wolfenden left last night on a visit to friends in Vancouver.

W. K. Houston went over to Vancouver on a business trip last night.

Thomas Hooper, architect, left last night for Vancouver on a business trip.

E. A. Willmot, of Vancouver, returned last night after a business trip to the city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bartlett, from Cowichan, and Mr. W. J. Hogan, from Cowichan, are visitors in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth, from Calgary, are enjoying a few days in Victoria.

Mr. W. O. Castley and Mr. James Castley, from Duncan, are enjoying a few days visit to the Capital.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Drahn left last night via the Northern Pacific on a trip to Vancouver, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell left yesterday via the Northern Pacific on a visit to Raymond, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. William Chambers, of Hamilton, Man., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott, Oak Bay.

Capt. and Mrs. F. W. Roberts, of Vancouver, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mae Roberts, to Mr. Kenneth F. Oxley, of Kelowna.

Miss Clute, who has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. T. Beauchamp Tye, has returned to New Westminster.

M. G. Brown left last night via the C. P. R., and the Cunard liner Mauretania on a three months' trip to the old country.

A. S. J. Holt, district agent for the Pennsylvania lines, with headquarters at Seattle, spent yesterday in the city on a business trip.

Mr. A. V. Kenah, who spent the week-end in town on a business visit, returned on Sunday evening to the Terminal City.

Edgar Fawcett, assistant appraiser H. M. customs, and Mrs. Fawcett, leave tomorrow for Southern California for a well earned holiday.

Miss Grace Macdonald, of Winnipeg, who arrived in Vancouver last week, will be the guest for the next few weeks of Miss Olga Crawford.

The marriage of Mr. George Francis Brennan and Miss Nellie M. Stoddart took place on Saturday at the Metropolitan Methodist parsonage. The Rev. T. E. Holling officiated.

Mr. E. R. Stephen, the well known agent of the Great Northern Railway in this city, who underwent an operation at the St. Joseph's Hospital, is improving most favorably.

Mr. Edward E. Wootton, of the firm of Messrs. Wootton & Goward, barristers in this city, is visiting his niece, Mrs. J. L. Cockburn in Honolulu, and will return in April next.

Mr. and Mrs. Singleton-Wise, who recently returned to Victoria from Honolulu, left on Saturday by the S. S. Ella for Mexico, where they will spend the next few weeks.

Mr. Kennedy, chief engineer of the Canadian section of the Great Northern, has taken up his residence in Vancouver, which he will in future make his home.

Mr. J. H. Dixie, from Bradford, England, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rogers, from London, Eng., and Miss Galmans, also from London, Eng., are recent arrivals from the Old Country, and are all staying at the Driad.

Among the many Seattle visitors at present in town are: Messrs. J. S. Gibson, J. Medlock, G. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Halzey, Mr. J. Boorman, Mr. W. H. McCuskey, Mr. V. E. Harman, W. C. Knaack, Mr. J. W. Colley and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Halter.

Among the many English visitors in town are: Mrs. Woolstone and family, from Huntingdon, Eng., Mr. and Mrs. J. Harvey, from Coventry, Eng., Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Howell, from Leicestershire, England, and Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Rushe, from London, Eng.

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Mrs. Spratt was hostess on Friday last to the usual members of the Friday Bridge Club. The house was charmingly decorated with quantities of spring flowers and a very dainty tea was served. The prize winners were: Mrs. Flumerfelt, 1st prize; and Miss May Newcombe, 2nd prize.

On Saturday evening John Stanley Patch was joined in marriage to Ada England, second daughter of David D. England and Mrs. England, of View Street, this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. Stevenson, of Emmanuel Baptist church. Miss Evelyn England, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and Frank Bagshaw as groomsmen. A large number of friends were present at the ceremony, and were entertained to a wedding supper at the house of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Patch are making their home in Victoria.

Among the many Vancouver visitors who spent the week-end in town were: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bennett, Messrs. W. G. McKenzie, R. C. Walsh, W. A. Clifton, N. Fraser, A. McEvoy, J. H. Walker, W. W. Rush, W. J. Newman, W. E. Herger, W. H. Martin, A. J. Mitchell, J. Perkins, J. Gregor, J. E. Brownwell, E. Brewer, W. H. Mason, J. F. Stamford, J. W. Dow, F. R. Phillips, H. Dyson, T. Howell, T. E. O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gillespie, Miss Roberts, Miss Halre, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. P. Phillips.

A quiet but exceedingly pretty wedding took place last week in Vancouver at the residence of the bride's parents on Burrard street, when Miss Florence Pierce of Portage la Prairie and Mr. J. A. Madill of the same place were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The bride was attended by Miss Lillian Lloyd, of Vancouver, while Mr. P. E. Pierce supported the groom. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. Milliken in the presence of a few of the immediate relatives and friends of the couple. After a dainty luncheon had been served the happy couple left for Victoria, and other coast cities. Upon their return Mr. and Mrs. Madill will take up their residence at Portage la Prairie.

BUDGET DEBATE IS CONTINUED

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market by the large Dominion appropriations for the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, whereas during the past five years the British Columbia government has been busying itself with guaranteeing their bonds, and its credit had risen proportionately. But look ahead! The government did not propose to continue along the path of wisdom which had made for the security of the country's credit. That credit would not remain at its present rating when once this bill became law to give the Canadian Northern virtually forty-five millions of provincial money. When this bill carried, British Columbia's credit would fall, and it would continue to fall until it was lower than that of the Dominion at the present time, and lower than that of any other province of Canada.

As to the increased revenue, he could find no cause for congratulation, as had the finance minister, who had said that more Chinese had come into the country—that there were larger revenues from the insane asylum—or through the collection of tolls on the Westminster bridge. He did not think these revenues were cause for congratulation, either the government or the people of British Columbia. The Chinese were undesirable in every way; the increase in the number of the provincial insane asylum should be the subject of investigation by a commission, in the hope of a remedy being devised; the bridge tolls had been forcibly and meanly secured out of the necessities of the farmers.

The finance minister had devoted some time to rosy pictures of the condition of the mining industry. He said that the money earned by this industry last year amounted to from fifteen to eighteen millions—a little thing like three odd millions was nothing to this minister, who was compelled to drink five-cent beer or have swindlers on the floor at his club. The minister was wrong, however, in placing the average miner's income at \$1,500. \$800 would be nearer the mark. Out of these many millions there would therefore be about \$9,000,000 in all paid in wages, leaving approximately five millions for the non-resident capitalists, the spoils out of their exploitation on the natural wealth of British Columbia and its working citizens. As to the mines of Cobalt, to which the finance minister had referred, it had been said that 2000 tons of Cobalt were produced in value to two million tons of say, Granby ore. But the wages received by the men who mined it were the same! Wages were not governed, as some appeared to think, by the value of the ore produced under capitalist methods of production! Ore might be worth at market a million dollars a ton, and yet the worker would get but his pay at the lowest wage scale at which it was possible to induce him to toil.

Timber Policy

On the question of timber policy there were certain discrepancies in the presentation of the case made by the finance minister, especially with regard to perpetuity. He stated that it was the government that had decided this matter—that at any time decided matters of this nature. It was, as Carnegie had said, the capitalists who decided and gave their instructions to the governments, who merely carried out these mandates of their capitalist masters. As to the tenure matter, Conservatives and Liberals at one (Mr. Jardine, interjecting: "No") while the press as usual supported the capitalist plan, as the hyenas who hunt up the lion's game, hoping for the picking of the bones. (Laughter.) In the forestry commission proceedings it was remarkably what unanimity had prevailed as to the necessity of perpetuity of tenure in these special licenses! One man, however, Mr. Paterson, had let the cat out of the bag, when after speaking of the rapidly approaching exhaustion of this natural resource, he had pointed out also that these bad Socialists might get hold of the forest wealth, as administrators of government, and would thereafter administer it for the general good and benefit of the people. When this government decided, and the house of course agreed, to the turning over as proposed of the timber wealth of the country to the capitalists, the robbery of the people would be completed, and any government with truer recognition of its responsibilities as trustees of the people's heritage, would be unable to recover British Columbia's forests without enormous and unearned compensation to the timber speculators.

Industrial and forestry conditions were next briefly touched upon, the member held that the per capita wealth of British Columbia, amounting to \$3.15 (counting the Chinese, the Japanese, the Hindus and the

Siwash) afforded no cause for congratulation among the workers of the land, who, whatever the country's wealth, would only get work at the current wages when their services were demanded to put wealth into the pockets of the non-producers. The whole policy of the government as outlined in the budget speech was a standing invitation to the capitalists to come in and help themselves out of British Columbia's treasury of natural wealth, with the assurance that the power of parliament would ever be exercised to make the producing classes the instruments of their hand. That such conditions prevailed was due to the workers themselves—they did not deny it, nor were they entitled to his sympathy. He merely showed them where they had got off in the past, where they got off today, and would in future. He charged that while promoting the piling up of wealth, the government of the day was responsible for no legislation of true benefit to the people, designed to ameliorate and improve the condition of the great majority in the population. Those in opposition, of the party of which he was a member, could not initiate such legislation. All they could do at present was to watch carefully and constantly such legislation as was presented, and strive, as they did and would, to expose its defects and deficiencies, and improve its character to the extent of their abilities in this direction. (Applause.)

Debate Concluded.

At the night session the debate on the budget was brought to a conclusion, after which the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the reading of the estimates. The debate was resumed by H. C. Brewster (Alberni). The speaker stated that he did not attribute the success of the Conservatives in the recent elections to the railway policy of the government but rather to the perfect organization which existed throughout the province. The assistance given to the government by the civil service employees was one of the features which was largely responsible for bringing about the result.

He did not believe that the test of a government's ability was what it did in times of prosperity. The test rather was what it could do to meet exigencies that might arise. Despite such legislation as was presented, and strive, as they did and would, to expose its defects and deficiencies, and improve its character to the extent of their abilities in this direction. (Applause.)

He agreed with the tribute which the honorable the finance minister had paid to his predecessor. The reasons for the latter's resignation, however, should have been made public. He took exception to the appropriation in the estimates of \$75,000 for fire protection, stating that some of the money would be spent in places where there were no forests or in other words it would be exploited for political purposes. The policy of establishing experimental orchards was a good one, but they should be owned entirely by the government and not turned over to private friends.

The surplus of \$6,000,000 could not really be regarded as a surplus. It was the result of the sale of crown lands at Point Grey and Prince Rupert and thus it was part of the capital account of the province. It should not be frittered away, but expended in public works. He believed that the policy of the government, if pursued to its logical conclusion, would leave the province denuded of timber lands, crown lands and water power.

A. E. McPhillips (Islands) followed Mr. Brewster. He opened by harking back to the time when there was no party government in B. C. Whether carried along on personal or party lines the legislative history of the province was one which could be commended. There was legislation today on the statute books of B. C. which had received commendation from statesmen throughout the empire. In the present premier he believed that British Columbia had a man capable of carrying on the true history of the province. This was illustrated by the fact that when Premier McBride came into power the province had a debt of \$600,000 and the only cash balance in the bank was \$30,000. But Mr. McBride had proved equal to the occasion. Each of the financial success was due to the late minister of finance (Captain R. G. Tatlow). The present budget, however, was a tribute to the ability of the honorable the present finance minister. His speech had demonstrated his versatility. He objected to the government being known as the McBride or Bower government because in reality it was a Conservative government representative of the principles of that party as exemplified in this province.

The member for Alberni told the House that the bill dealing with the grading of civil servants was futile as so many of the posts in that department were filled by outsiders (friends of the party). Even if that were true, the same thing was done at Ottawa, only on a much more widespread scale. In fact the instances were too numerous for mention. (Laughter.)

The policy of the Conservatives, not only in British Columbia, but throughout the empire, was the proper conservation of the national resources. The present Liberal policy at Ottawa was merely following along the lines inaugurated by the late Sir J. A. Macdonald.

Continuing, he said that if the members of the House would hold their seat he would do well not to talk about speculators in the province. John Oliver, the late leader of the opposition, had been very fond of speaking about speculators, but whatever he said against them did not influence the actions of Delta in his behalf. Speculators were the pioneers in the development of a country. The day had gone by when settlers without means could go in and build up a country in a short period.

In conclusion, Mr. McPhillips dealt briefly but glowingly with the question of Canada taking part in the Empire naval defence. He was glad to see that the national government was about to do something along this line, though he did not consider that what was contemplated was sufficient. He believed that if the people of the Dominion were asked for a contribution of \$100,000,000, and if they could have no say in the manner in which it could be spent, it would be granted without demur. (Applause.)

W. H. Hayward (Cowichan) added his quota of tribute to the able presentation of the budget. He considered that agriculture still required some assistance. Agriculture was the only vocation which added more wealth to the province. The government also should consider the matter of lending money to farmers to assist in clearing land. The day was surely coming when the government would have to deal with stamping land and irrigation just as it had already dealt with dyking. If money were appropriated for the purpose of helping farmers to clear their land it would be returned to the province. The government should also consider the matter of lending money to farmers to assist in clearing land. The day was surely coming when the government would have to deal with stamping land and irrigation just as it had already dealt with dyking. If money were appropriated for the purpose of helping farmers to clear their land it would be returned to the province. 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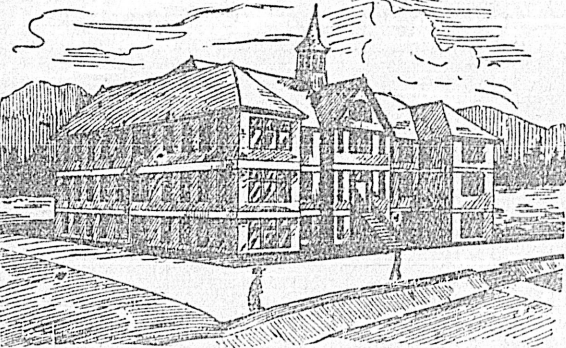
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Here and There

The Government's determination to raise the salaries of many teachers throughout the province and of the teachers in the B. and N. railway belt will be learned with satisfaction by all who take an interest in education. There was a time when fifty dollars a month was a sufficient, if not a generous salary, for the young man or woman beginning life. Not only could a living be made but with reasonable economy, money could be saved. It was recognized that the cost of transportation and the higher prices paid for living made it necessary to pay higher salaries in the interior of the province. Within the last few years conditions have changed. The higher salaries paid in the Upper Country and the outside districts have attracted the more enterprising of the teachers. Young girls who preferred to live near home took schools on the island, waiting for an opportunity to get a city school. The increased cost of living during the last few years has made the salaries on the island inadequate, and the greater facilities for transportation have rendered life in the Upper Country more desirable. The raise in salaries will make conditions more even, and the island rural schools should no longer serve as a training ground for young city teachers. At the same time, parents within and without the railway belt must remember that they can do more than the majority of them are doing at present to keep their teachers in the districts. A teacher should not have a pleasant home, but should be treated with friendliness by all the parents of the children. The want of companionship is often very keenly felt by the young girl who leaves home for the first time. In at least nine cases out of ten, the teacher will do better work the second than the first year. The district is wise to show its appreciation of earnest effort, and keeps a teacher who has proved his or her worth. It is the too frequent change of teachers which makes the country school inferior to the city. It is very hard to convince people of the immense importance of securing the very best available man or woman for their school. The difference in the future of a district where there is a school taught by an excellent teacher for a term of years and one where the teacher is changed every term is well known in older provinces and is already being remarked in British Columbia. Vancouver ought, in the matter of education, to lead the province. To this end both teachers and parents should co-operate. The Government has done its part.

Several English visitors have been commenting on the fact that the education of the boys of the United States and Canada is falling into the hands of women. One of these observers has written an article declaring that the lads of America are showing signs of effeminacy. An exchange intimates that the man who ventured to express this opinion in the hearing of a group of Canadian boys would find that there would be little evidence of the effeminacy supposed to be exercised by women. In the answer he would get. The writer goes on to say that the manners of Canadian young men are not distinguished by gentleness.

"Tis true, 'tis pity,
And pity 'tis 'tis true"

one is inclined to say. But may this not be a sign of the signs of a lack of discipline, caused by the strong hand of the master being removed from the control of the schools, and the growing practice of leaving the training of the boys in the home to the mother.

Rudeness is no evidence of strength. On the contrary, a respectful, gentlemanly behavior not only the gentleman, but the man who has learned to be master of himself and to give others the reverence which is their due. If it has come about in the ordering of this world that the training of Canada's sons is to be largely in the hands of women, they must take care that the boys grow up to have a wholesome respect for authority. Compared with this the exercise of the franchise would be a very easy task, and a far less important one.

In many parts of the world the experiment of trying to reform prisoners by placing them on farms is being tried. An account is given in the American Review of Reviews of such a colony which has been in operation in Brazil for some time. While not all reform, still much good has been done as the following extract shows:

"Of course, all will not profit by the humane effort of the state, as everything depends upon individual temperament, tendencies and inclinations, upon cerebral anomalies, either inherited or due to alcoholism, in fine, upon the ineradicable vice which is present in a considerable number of these delinquents; but it is certain—and we openly state it here—that observation and statistics show a percentage sufficiently encouraging of those redeemed by the colony of Dona Rios. It remains to note that essentially, the support of these people is no heavy burden for the state. They maintain themselves by their own work, a work obligatory for all the inmates, and by which they profit to a certain extent, the amount being given to them as a little capital on their departure from the colony unless, as sometimes happens, they should elect to remain as free colonists, a piece of land being allotted for their cultivation. The raising of cattle of all kinds is already well developed, the greater part being sold to the market. Poultry is also raised on a large scale and various species of fruit trees are cultivated. . . . An attempt has been made to cultivate the silkworm, an industry which, with us, is as yet in its earliest stages. . . . From what has been shown, it is not surprising that the colony, which is within a short time the colony, extending and perfecting the cultivation of the land, developing and encouraging the raising of various kinds of cattle and domestic fowl, will eventually prove a success."

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duce not only sufficient for its own consumption but will assure itself an appreciable source of revenue. At the present time there are 570 inmates—376 men and 194 women—who have been withdrawn from the practice of crime from drunkenness, from idleness, from wandering through the streets, indulging in indecent conduct and language. At present in this establishment they represent so much vital and productive force applied to useful work.

Why is it our own province there is no room for convict work on such an extensive scale, it is hard to see why the principle should not be applied which has worked so well in other countries. Why could not the post office department take receipt for newspapers and parcels wherever there is a letter box? The expense would be very slight and the labor for the collectors scarcely more than at present. There are a great many people in Victoria who send papers to their friends and stateless, especially in the wet weather, carry them at the letter boxes. The larger boxes are so far apart that it would be almost as well for the majority of citizens if there were none. To walk several blocks to mail a paper is an inconvenience to the residents of the city. The letter boxes are quite far enough apart if they are to be of any use and it should be possible to mail newspapers or parcels at the same place.

Several paragraphs have appeared recently stating that there is likely to be a scarcity of brooms. It is enough to take the housekeeper's breath away to hear that there is a possibility that before very long she may have to pay a dollar for this indispensable article. The New Bedford Standard states that this is not unlikely. There are two factories in Evanston, Illinois, which control the broom supply. The owners are now obliged to pay \$240 for the ton of broom material which formerly cost \$90. Unless some ingenious person invents a substitute for the common broom the rise in its price will be felt as a burden and it is one that will press heavily upon those who can least afford it. Other means of removing the dust from rich men's houses can be found but the bare floors of the poor must be swept.

The people of Edmonton are complaining of the practice of cigarette smoking among schoolboys. The school authorities have adopted the doubtful expedient of posting up notices in the school halls forbidding cigarette smoking. There is no doubt that this is a very likely way for children to be able to procure cigarettes when they wish to do so. What has become of the law that women of Canada induced the Dominion government to pass a year ago? Is it anyone's business to see that is enforced? There is much to be said in favor of having a law placed upon the statute book than to have it enforced when it is there. While it is probable that very few of the citizens either of Victoria or Edmonton, do not believe that boys are injured by tobacco, there are not many who will put themselves to the trouble of seeing that the law is enforced.

A few months ago 7,000 girls employed in the shirt waist making industry of the city of New York struck for higher wages and better conditions under which to work. The great majority of these working women were foreigners, many were educated and almost all were poor.

At first their employers expected, with the aid of a corrupt police, to break the strike and force the girls to return to work on their own terms. The striking girls were used with a roughness and injustice by the officers of the law that would not have been ventured upon had the strikers been men. But this tyranny defeated its own ends. The work the women were engaged in was one, the interference with which, soon became widely known among all classes of women. Stories of the strike were eagerly read, and when it was found, not only that the claims of the girls were reasonable, but that the claims of the girls were reasonable, rich and industrial women came to their assistance. They not only poured money into the trades union treasury, but they roused public opinion in favor of the strikers. On the part of the girls the struggle was conducted with much ability and more self-control than is often shown by men. They have practically gained their ends. Out of 7,000 strikers only 900 remain still idle and but thirteen shops have refused to take the strikers back. The terms of the agreement as given in a New York paper, show that the victory won is no barren one. It says:

"The settlement involves the concession on the part of the employers of a permanent arbitration board, on the part of the strikers of the open shop. The essential points are the employment of union workers in their respective shops, without discrimination; a committee of three in each shop to arrange the wage scale; no charge for needles, straps or ordinary wear and tear of the machinery; fifty-two and a half hours a week; no work on Saturday after 1 o'clock; further grievances to be settled, if possible, between employers and employees in the individual shops; grievances which cannot be settled thus, to be left to the permanent arbitration board made up of representatives of the union, the employers and the general public, whose decision shall be final; this contract to last until May 1, 1911."

The whole story of this labor contest is one of which women everywhere may feel proud. The sympathy shown for the girls by women who have never known by experience what it was to toil or to want, while it did much to win for the strikers the victory, proved that there amongst women a real spirit of union which is something new in the world and it is not more new than praiseworthy.

BUDGET DEBATE IS CONTINUED

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revenue. The estimates proved conclusively a thorough and businesslike grasp of the necessities of the province, a grasp which amply justified the overwhelming verdict of the people in the last election. He had full confidence in the cause which he supported. The district which he represented was one of large extent, of great importance, and of diverse interests. Its mining and the resources were well known. The C. P. R. was likely soon to proceed with the construction of the Kootenay Central railway up the valley of the Columbia, a tract of country one of the most magnificent in the entire province. With the advent of this railroad settlement would increase at a remarkable rate. In the meantime the government was doing much to assist the

settler, by making generous and necessary expenditures for roads and other public works. The needs of the riding were being recognized in a just and equitable manner. In spite of the riding in past years having been Liberal its wants were carefully attended to, proving that the government was one of broad views.

Concluding, the speaker highly commended the project of the Hon. Thos. Taylor for the construction of a trans-provincial wagon road. A section of this project now existed through the riding as projected. The people of his constituency were doing their part in assisting to build up and develop British Columbia.

L. H. Watson (Vancouver) said that the session which had been so well advanced had silenced the critics who had prophesied that Premier McBride would find his majority an unwieldy one. The financial statement was one which would have its effect not only in British Columbia or indeed in Canada but in the money markets of the world. The province was prospering along every line. In 1904 the exports aggregated \$12,000,000. In 1908 they had increased in value to \$24,000,000.

M. Manson (Comox) brought the debate to a conclusion with an eulogy on the resources of his constituency. He suggested that the \$20,000 set aside in the estimates for extraordinary expenditure should be partly utilized in helping farmers to clear their land. There was also a necessity for an increase in the salaries paid to provincial constables. One of the experimental orchards should be established on one of the islands in the Straits of Georgia. Nearly all these islands were adapted for the raising of poultry, a pursuit which went hand in hand with farming. Elaborating on the raising of poultry, Mr. Manson pointed out that annually British Columbia imported \$2,000,000 worth of eggs, all of which could be produced in the province.

The House then resolved itself into committee and continued the reading of the estimates, rising at 12:20 a. m.

Land Act Amendments

Mr. Brewster, resuming the debate on the Land Act amendment Bill, offered for second reading by Hon. Mr. Ellison on Thursday last, said that there was much more in this measure than caught the eye in superficial reading—that the bill disclosed some features which members if unhampered by party ties would certainly oppose. This bill would test their reputed independence. Had this bill not been introduced by the minister of lands for whom he had the greatest respect, he would have said that it had been purposely padded out by the attorney-general to show a fictitious industry on the government's part, for entire sections had been repeated from the old act to cover a mere change about of a few words. He denied that the government was at all responsible for the flourishing conditions prevailing in the timber industry, which conditions were the natural and inevitable result of augmented demand, the shortening of the world's timber supply, and the opening of new markets by practical development and colonization. In his opinion the government should experience shame in contemplating the alienations that had taken place of such immense areas of provincial timber lands, some twelve million acres and over, as shown in the speech of the Hon. minister. With the continuance of the present manufacturing average the alienations already made provided for keeping existing mills busy not for two years to come, but for an entire century—and all for the benefit of the American speculators forming the timber trust! This was not a subject for provincial congratulation. As to the adoption of perpetuity in timber license tenure: The government had but followed the policy outlined by the Liberal party, at this late hour, accepting and acting upon the proposal advocated by resolution of the then Liberal leader in the house in 1908. The reversion of the gentleman was then voted down. After two years to think it over, the government had found it convenient to experience a change of heart, and this move was the result.

Rumor had it that there was a story behind it all—that the premier, on the eve of the last election, had felt it essential to the getting of the lumbermen's votes—which looked as good to him as any others—that such legislation should be brought down as the price. He held that this land bill in its relation to timber was but a desperate attempt to save the government's readiness to hand over the provincial resources to the tract manipulators, and eventually leave the province plucked of its natural assets. As to the general administration of the land laws, he contended at some length that the speculator was encouraged, even favored especially, by the manifest disadvantage of the "actual settler."

The Premier's Reply.

Hon. Mr. McBride wished to refer to two charges made by the member for Alberni with respect to the extension of timber licenses: first that it was taken from the Liberal platform and second that it was tardy. What had been the position taken by the Conservative party? Some years ago when a former minister, Mr. Green, took charge of the department, he had looked into the working of the Land act, and had found that there was dissatisfaction expressed on all sides with the special timber licenses. So far as the provincial treasury was concerned, there was doubt as to the permanence of the revenue from that source; it could not safely be counted in advance. On the other hand the men who held these licenses were unable to get money from the banks to carry on their operations because of the uncertainty of their tenure. Loggers and mill-men were alike affected. Mr. Green had found that the grievance was real; that the financial institutions would not accept the leases as affording good ground for advances. As a result, the life of the leases was extended to 21 years, except in some special cases where it was made 10 years.

It had been found, however, that even this did not end the grievance. Unsatisfactory conditions still continued. Banks were still unwilling to lend to loggers and to small millmen. Two years ago many deputations had again come to the government and the case was again gone to the cabinet. Government had already intended to have a forestry commission, more particularly for the purpose of effectually preventing loss from fire, but also to go into the whole question of how best to administer our timber resources. It was to be a commission to get data and to get all information for comprehensive measures so that they might have the best timber legislation in the world. Two years ago the government had told the deputations that it had been convinced of the need of a new system of timber management, and that it would appoint a commission.

That commission had been appointed. It had not finished its labors, but it had been asked for an interim report and in conformity with that in-

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term report the House now had this

The Liberal party had evidently been in close touch with the lumbermen. The deputations had always come to Victoria under the protection and guidance of Liberals. But not until a circular letter had been sent out a few months ago, had he been aware that the Liberals had made perpetuity of licenses a plank in their platform. Some Liberals had got into the foolish practice of carrying around records of votes in the House, and of moving catch resolutions in order to subsequently indulge in this practice; but it was always easy to show how misleading these were and how they misrepresented the real position of affairs. Such tactics had recoiled on the head of their authors. When such a catch resolution had been introduced dealing with this question, the government had replied that they had not at that time sufficient data. The bill was not the result of anything that had come from the Liberal party, but was the result of the investigation that had been made.

Retains Powers.

Under the bill the government still retained the right to fix terms and royalties. It still retained powers, so

that as the value of timber increases, the government can get increased revenue. Now that title was assured, they might expect holders of licenses to take more care regarding fires and waste. From this alone they would save millions of feet of timber. The government had been right in waiting for the report of the commission. It would never do for the government to allow itself to be stampeded by delegations or boards of trade without independent investigation by the government.

As to settlement, had not the member for Alberni read the speeches of Clifford Sifton in Hansard? Mr. Sifton said the most efficient means of settlement was by means of colonization companies. He had said this in defense of the policy of a Liberal government. This government had gone into no deals with any colonization companies. When lands had been sold to settlers they have at least gone to individual purchasers. Agents may have gone into the northern parts of the province and bought land for others. But they have had to pay the regular price and a large revenue has come into the provincial treasury, and the will and tax of British Columbia

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Then there is a release rule whereby a player may change clubs once during a season. If the club he was first with agrees to the shift.

The rule compelling the wearing of numbers on the field will be enforced by the amendment fining a club \$25 for allowing its players to go on the field without them.

The referee is given absolute power on the field of play, and he is privileged to overrule a goal umpire if in his opinion the goal umpire has erred in awarding a goal.

The penalty rule is so amended that the referee shall take cognizance of all fouls and shall hand out penalties ranging from the least of five minutes, to the entire game, in his own discretion. The distinction between ordinary and deliberate fouls is done away with.

The Vancouver club desires to do away with the farcical name of the association by striking out the word "amateur" in it. It is proposed to call the league simply "The British Columbia Lacrosse Association." Following out this line of reason the amateur is done away with. The forfeit for default, which in the past has been \$100 is to be made \$1,000, according to another amendment. This puts the forfeit the same as the clubs in the Northwestern baseball clubs, and should be sufficient guarantee that the schedule will be finished.

REFUSES TO LET GO THE TROPHY

Vancouver Won't Part With Cooper-Keith Cup and Victoria Will Appeal to Rugby Union

Vancouver has refused to disgorge the Cooper-Keith trophy. The declaration of the position assumed by the Mainland club regarding the silverware which is supposed to be representative of the Pacific Coast was made by mail, the official communication being received by Secretary Arbuckle, of the Victoria club, yesterday.

Whether Victoria has sound ground for an appeal from the attitude assumed by the Terminal City is a problem which must be decided by the British Columbia Rugby union. If that organization sustains the contentions that will be made by the Capital City's representatives the trophy will have to be forwarded across the Gulf willy nilly. Should it go the other way Victoria's is cherished.

Discussing the situation, Mr. Arbuckle declared that he was in possession of the agreement under which the cup was presented and Victoria would be in a position to advance a strong case when the necessity arose. He believed that it could be proved that as a result of the trophy being taken to the mainland for the season 1909-10, having captured the British Columbia's championship decisively, this city was entitled to hold the silverware symbol of premiership over the larger territory, inasmuch as the team from which the provincial honors were captured is that which by defeat of the Southern team has proved its title to the Cooper-Keith cup as far as the Southern aspirants are concerned.

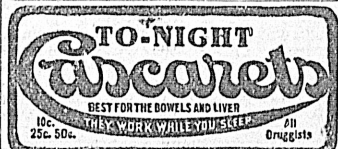
FARMERS TALK OF GAME ASSOCIATION

Organization Among Farmers of South and North Saanich to Properly Regulate Shooting on Peninsula

A movement having for its object the formation in South and North Saanich of a Game Protection Association along similar lines to that existing among the property owners of the Delta district and lower mainland was being organized by Fraser river sportsmen and said to be highly probable that it will be successful in its issue.

When this was first mooted those to whom the suggestion was made asked "what is the good?" It was among the farmers themselves that this question met with the most ready answer, that inasmuch as practically all of the peninsula adjacent to Victoria is owned privately and devoted to agriculture it was only necessary for them to prohibit trespassing and the game would be adequately protected. The Victorian interest admitted this and met it with the explanation that, if the farmers possessed an organization it would be possible for them to issue permits to such sportsmen as the majority thought could be depended on to respect the property on which privileges were granted. A certain charge could be made for the document entitling the holder to the hunting offered by Saanich. Thus the association would be in a position to control the situation absolutely.

Number to Be Limited. Only a limited number would be permitted to shoot the birds within the zone over which the association exercised authority. And those would be carefully selected. But when voted "good" would be allowed the run of the entire peninsula, or at any rate of the farms the owners of which were members of the association. Thus the pheasants—deemed by the majority of the cultivators of the soil to be one of their most inveterate enemies—would be kept down to some extent.



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without the damage to property which has been the chief complaint against trespassing Nimrods and, as well, an annual income would be insured from which, any damage that might inadvertently have occurred, could be repaired, and in the event of their being none could be distributed among the members as the dividends of an ordinary stock company.

This is the way in which the farmers of the lower mainland have handled the situation and, without a doubt, they have found it most satisfactory.

Promiscuous shooting has been eliminated. Permits have been issued only by responsible parties. By limiting the number granted it has been possible to preserve the birds to such an extent that, in seasons, there is always good sport available for all parties and the pheasant, the arch-enemy of the grain, have been kept thinned so that their depredations are not too severe.

New Sport Paper.

The Athletic Field and Swimming World, a new weekly publication devoted to cross-country running, walking, field events, swimming, rowing, racing, cycling, etc., made its first appearance on Wednesday, 2nd February. A colored plate of A. E. Wood, the International cross-country champion for 1909, is given away, and the list of contents includes special articles: "The Finding of Alfred Shrubbs," by Harry Andrews; "A Chat with A. E. Wood;" "Ernest Barry, World's Sculling Champion," by H. B. Blackett; "Amateur sculling champion;" "The Pedestrian Boom," by H. B. Keatland; "Prospects of the Cycling Season," by H. W. Bartlett; "High Diving, or Aquatic Gymnastics," by Sir Claude Champion de Crespigny, Bart, J.P. (President of the A.D.C.); "The British Harriers," etc., etc. The publication is copiously illustrated with photos and sketches, and special attention is bestowed on Cross-country, swimming and walking news. It is published on Wednesdays at 12, Burleigh street, Strand, W. C.

Definite arrangements have now been made for the visit of the Columbian College basketball quintette to this city next Saturday night. They are slated to meet the local High School five at the Assembly Rink. The boys from the Yates street institution are industriously working to make everything a proper success.

The rugby artists of the High School will be seen in action no more this season as the openings for prospective matches are very slim. It was thought that it would be possible to arrange a match with the Vancouver or New Westminster boys, but this prospect unfortunately has fallen through. The Royal City quintette will arrive here next Saturday evening, returning home the same night.

The following are those who will line up for the High School:

Gunn, Spencer, Steele, centre, Ellis; forwards, Johnson, Williscroft.

The postponed soccer match between the North Ward eleven and the High School artists is slated to come off in about two weeks. From now till then soccer will be stirring in the practice line.

A hitch has occurred with regard to the proposed tour of a Northern Union team in Australia and New Zealand, the committee of the Northern Union regarding the financial arrangements as satisfactory. They require either a larger guarantee than \$3,000 or a more liberal percentage of gates than they have up to the present been offered.

Not for many years past have the acceptances for the Spring Handicaps been so satisfactory. Out of the fifty-five entries for the Lincolnshire Handicap only nine got off. As was expected, amongst these is the top weight, Dean Swift, who judging by the fact that he also declines the Kempton Park Jubilee Handicap, will be given another chance of distinguishing himself in the City and Suburban, which he has already won twice, in addition to being placed on several occasions. The American, Sir Martin, also retires from the Lincoln, so will possibly figure in the City and Suburban or the Kempton Park Jubilee. Twelve months ago Mr. Assheton-Smith was at variance with the handicapper, who placed his two crack chasers, Jerry M and Calkers, at the head of affairs in the Grand National, and refused to accept. In the coming big steeplechase these two horses are again at the head of the list, but Mr. Assheton-Smith has left them in. Last year's Grand National winner, Lutetia III, who was raised in the handicaps from 10st. 11lb. to 12st. 4lb., has not accepted. This fact may not be due entirely to the extra weight, but to the circumstances that M. Hennessy's horse has been under suspicion, for after last year's race he had to be "fired." It appears that Mr. Lushington, who has charge of the King's horse, Flaxman has been unable to get him into fighting fettle, for he, too, is among the missing. He was nicely weighted with 10st. 2lb., which was only 4lb. over the burden he carried into fourth place behind Rubic a couple of years ago.

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PREMIER STATES HIS PROGRAMME

Budget to Come First and
Curtailling of Lords' Veto
Power Second—Motion Is
Carried in Commons

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Financial business first and the question of the House of Lords second, was the programme laid down by Premier Asquith in a statement made in the House of Commons this afternoon. In moving that government business have

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precedence at every sitting up to March 24, when parliament re-assembles after the Easter recess, the premier said the government would present a resolution affirming the necessity of excluding the House of Lords altogether from the domain of finance and restricting its powers of veto to other legislation. To secure this the government, he added, would use all methods that seemed proper and adequate within the constitution, and upon its successful accomplishment the cabinet and the Liberal party would stake not only the fortunes of the ministry but their very existence as a party.

The premier explained his programme at some length, and the intense interest with which those in the crowded chamber listened testified to the importance attached to plans of the government. The exigencies of the financial situation were such, the premier declared, that the vote on the army and navy bills, covering the borrowings and other urgent demands, must occupy the whole time of the House of Commons up to March 24th, when adjournment would be taken to March 29th. Immediately when parliament was reassembled, he said, the government would introduce resolutions excluding the House of Lords altogether from the domain of finance, and declaring that in other legislation the Lords' power of veto should remain as at present.

BUDGET DEBATE IS CONTINUED

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is sufficiently heavy so that no person or corporation can hold land idle for any length of time. It was clapped for the member for Albert to say that all land should be reserved for pre-emption. He defied anyone to say who was an actual settler when men came wanting to buy land. Many men who bought land and who were not pre-emptors did so with the intention of making their homes upon it ultimately. Men in other provinces had bought land in that way for that purpose.

The old charge of discrimination which had been repeated was simply ridiculous. What was the policy of the government? When every survey of land was made a certain portion was set aside for pre-emptors, a certain acreage for the university endowment and a certain portion for sale, out of which the government could make a profit and derive revenue. Many men wanted to buy land with the intention of eventually making their homes upon it. Why should these men be singled out and declared incapable of buying, simply because they did not come as pre-emptors?

No one knew better than the honorable member that the government was only too willing to help settlement, to give settlers roads, schools and other advantages. The speaker had been in many new districts and the settler as he knew him had made practically no complaint of lack of regard on the part of the government. The government cannot open land for pre-emption on the tram lines in the vicinity of Victoria or Vancouver. A look at the maps would show that the land had been taken up in such districts but

there were millions of acres open in the north, or along the coast at the Queen Charlotte Islands. In those islands there were 245,000 acres in one group. The settler had an adequate supply of land to choose from already, and there were in addition millions of acres not yet surveyed. In the Peace River Valley there were millions of acres which he understood could be taken up by the pre-emptors only, and these were still lying idle. He believed that the British Columbia government did more for the settlers on its lands in the way of helping them along in every way than any other government in the Dominion. If the settler wants to go to any section of the country he will find that the government will leave nothing undone to make conditions favorable for settlement and to make his settlement profitable for him. The government is alive to the situation and is doing everything for the settler that can be done.

Mr. Manson (Comox) continued the debate, endorsing the bill as in the best interest of the province. He thought, however, that the Chief Commissioner might well be given power to take over agricultural lands where such occurred in small patches within timber leases, letting the timbermen complete their work on the main areas, as this would operate more effectively to compel the thorough clearing of the land, while making agricultural lands quickly available for the use of settlers. He thought that the law might be made more clear and workable in its provisions for dealing generally with logged-off lands, while legislation should be taken to bring into control for agricultural uses lands contained under pulp wood leases. The logging act should be consolidated with the land act, and the scaling system improved.

Mr. Williams' Deductions.
Mr. Williams drew the deduction from the land notices appearing in the Gazette that the statistics of land was a specialized business for the group of operators. Incidentally, he took occasion to refer to the Gazette in its present form as "the log-book of Jack's ark," with leaves uncut, the volume uncut, and generally an example of obsolete printers' craft. He advised a high rate of land tax for large areas, and also that the government should devise means for putting men on the land direct, instead of giving free scope to speculators. As to Mr. Brewster's charges, that the timber operators had the Premier and forced him to bring in this perpetuity of tenure legislation, he enquired when these same timbermen could possibly have got away from the Liberals long enough to do so. (Laughter.) He favored the adoption of the Ontario principle of dealing with the timberlands—of disposing of them by auction, in which manner the fullest value was obtained, instead of "a major part of the profit out of the timber going to bands of parasitic speculators in Victoria and in Vancouver," while the country got a small fraction of what was left.

The second reading carried, Mr. Brewster voting with the government. The bills respecting the Canadian Northern railway, the Kettle River Valley railway, and the revival of the subsidy for the Midway & Vernon railway were then presented by message, as well as the bill to abolish the Commercial Travellers' Tax, these taking the usual course, and Mr. Hawthornthwaite remarking as the first was laid before the House:

"And is this really the railway act at last?"
"It is really the railway bill," said the smiling Premier, while the House applauded.

The second readings of the several measures are set for this afternoon's session of the House.
During the afternoon the Land Registry act amendment bill went through committee with some slight ministerial amendments, and was reported complete.

MEMBERS WEARY OF LONG SESSION

Round Robin Signed by Many
Asking for Early Prorogation
—Government May Shorten
Up Its Programme

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—That the government is earnestly considering ways and means for shortening the present session, even though legislation promised is thrown overboard, was demonstrated in the House of Commons today by Mr. Fielding. Mr. Foster asked when the revision of the banking act would be brought down. The finance minister replied that he had contemplated bringing down the revision of the present act at an early date, as the work was now in an advanced state. In consequence, however, of representations made that it would suit the convenience of many members if prorogation came at an early date, and as the curtailing of the government programme would bring that about, this bill might possibly be held over for this session and proceeded with immediately parliament meets next November. Mr. Fielding pointed out that the bank charter did not expire until July 1st, 1911. If the session ran its ordinary course the bill revising the bank act would be brought down at an early date, but in the event of curtailment being decided upon it would be allowed to stand over.

Mr. Martin of Regina, a government supporter, explained to the house the reason of the "round robin" or petition signed by a large number of members asking that public business be so expedited that prorogation might come by Easter. He produced a part of the petition signed by seventy members, but he disclaimed that the signatures were those of western Liberals entirely. It contained signatures of members on both sides of the house.

Mr. Staples asked how many from the Opposition side. Mr. Martin replied that it had two Conservatives.

Mr. Martin went on to explain that the statement made that western Liberals were not enamored of the naval bill was incorrect. The petition merely set forth the desire of many members to get home by Easter and was addressed to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Borden asking that steps might be taken to bring this about. No attempt had been made to prevent proper discussion of the naval bill.

J. D. Taylor, of New Westminster said he was one of the few opposition members who signed the petition, and his sole object to call attention to the desirability of securing prorogation within a reasonable time. So far as he could learn, there was much discontent at the manner in which affairs were drifting. Only a small amount of business had been done, although the house had been sitting since the beginning of November last.
This ended the incident for the present, but there is general unrest at the long talk on the naval bill.
Here is a list of the important legislation on the order paper: The Combings bill; Mr. Oliver's immigration act; Mr. Pugsley's navigable waters protection act; Mr. Lemieux' bill to control the rates and facilities of ocean cable companies, and two important bills of Mr. Graham amending the railway act. Then the insurance bill has to come over from the senate, and there is a host of minor but important government bills. After Fielding's statement today it would not be surprising to see the naval debate brought to a sudden end and the committee stage entered upon.

Grain Export Prohibited.
PEKIN, Feb. 28.—China's prohibition of grain exportations has been extended so as to embrace practically all of Manchuria.

Detective Welsh Retires.
VANCOUVER, Feb. 28.—W. H. Welsh, one of the best known detectives in the west, has resigned as superintendent of the Canadian Detective bureau in Vancouver, and will go into the real estate business. The resignation became effective today, when the office was taken over by Harry Boden of Montreal.

Small Philadelphia Strike
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 28.—Two hundred cabinetmakers employed in a West Philadelphia furniture factory quit work today. It is reported that they struck in sympathy with the carmen. The firm refused to discuss the matter, and from the attitude it has taken it is believed the walkout was due more to grievances than to the trolley strike.

France's School Fight
BAYONNE, France, Feb. 28.—The court today condemned the abbe of Argeles to pay a fine of \$40 and costs of the action brought against him, because he had forbidden Catholic school children to use the interdicted text books under pain of a refusal of the sacrament to their parents, and of the first communion to the children.

Murphy Gets Decision.
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—Tommy Murphy, of New York, tonight won the decision at the end of twenty rounds from Owen Moran of England. Both men were on their feet after 20 rounds of desperate fighting, and Referee Eddie Smith declared

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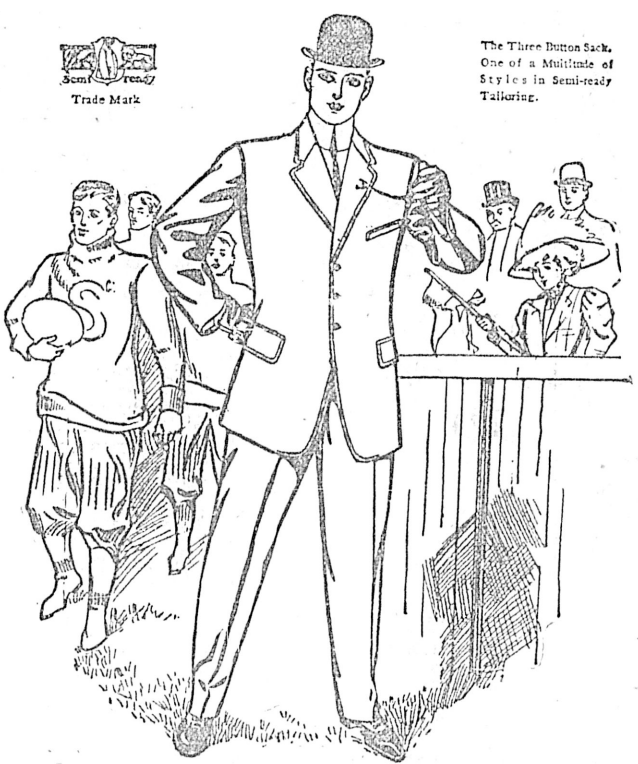
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Zam-Buk

Murphy winner over England's champion lightweight. The decision was jeered and Moran frantically protested, saying he had been robbed.
Medicines that aid nature are always most successful. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It loosens the cough, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Sold by all dealers.
U. M. W. Convention.
INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 28.—A special general convention of the United Mine Workers of North America to be held at Cincinnati March 14 was called today. This convention will act upon the conclusions of the joint conference of the central competitive field to be held also at Cincinnati on March 2.

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ELECTRIC PUMP UP TO CAPACITY

Contractors for High Pressure
Pumps Ask for Public Test
—Company's Product in
Other Cities

That the electric pump installed by the D'Olier Engineering Company at the high pressure station is now capable of delivering the goods of a capacity called for in the contract, and that the steam pump will likewise be brought up to the required capacity, is the statement made by J. A. Lafore, sales manager of the company, who has arrived in the city for the purpose of assisting in putting the two big pumps into proper shape. Mr. Lafore also asks for an official test of the plant, and states that until the pumps are formally taken over by the city they are at the city's use in case of fire, such use to be in no wise prejudicial to the city's claim for a satisfactory plant.

At last night's meeting of the city

council the following letter from Mr. Lafore was read:

February 28, 1910.

To the Mayor and Council of the City of Victoria, B. C.:

Gentlemen—We have the honor to advise you that the electric motor driven fire pump now maintains a pressure of approximately one hundred and fifty (150) pounds at its discharge, as required by the contract, when delivering the maximum quantity of water through the orifice constructed by the city as a measure of the specified capacity. We believe this pump conforms in all other respects with the contract requirements.

We have placed new impellers in the steam turbine driven pump with the view of securing the specified capacity and pressure at the speed desired by the city, but are not yet able to say just what results can be obtained with the new impellers, as the steam conditions could not be maintained this afternoon to enable us to operate at 1,500 revolutions. There was also some trouble with the thrust bearing after it had been dismantled and put in place, due probably to dirt or other foreign matter.

The steam pipe installed by the city to furnish steam to this unit is of considerable length, and has not yet been covered with insulating material, nor has a separator been placed in the line. As a result the steam contains large quantities of water, and it is difficult to determine exactly the conditions or operation of this unit, or to make final adjustments until this work has been completed by the city.

The city has never made any official

test of either pump, and we should be glad to have the opportunity of making any necessary adjustments before such a test is made; and also if a test does not show the apparatus to conform fully to requirements, we will be pleased to make any changes necessary. In other words, we stand ready to bring all the apparatus furnished by us up to the contract specifications in every respect.

If there is any question in the mind of the council in regard to this matter, the writer would like to have the opportunity of presenting our side of the case before your body as a whole.

We respectfully request that a public demonstration be made by the fire department to show the pressure and quantity of water furnished by the pumps when delivering a number of fire streams under actual fire conditions, and we wish again to call your attention to the fact that the pumps are at the service of the city, and can be used in case of fire without prejudice to the city's rights under the contract.

In conclusion, we may also point out that it has commonly been found in plant of this description that changes have to be made after the pumps have been installed. It is practically impossible to make the actual tests at the shops, and until the machinery is in full operation the actual capacity of the pumps cannot be demonstrated. In corroboration of this fact, we hand you copies of some letters which we have received from the three most important users of pumping machinery in the United States, namely, the city of New York, the United States gov-

ernment, and the city of New Orleans. These three authorities have bought from all the largest manufacturers and are, we believe, the largest consumers in the United States.

Yours respectfully,
D'OLIER ENGINEERING Co.,
J. A. LAFORE,
Sales Manager.

The city electrician also wrote relative to the pumps, reiterating his former opinion that the pumps do not comply with the specifications, and cannot be made to do so, and that it would be better for the city to make arrangements to replace the present pumps with others of standard make. The communications were referred to the fire wardens for consideration and report.

OBITUARY NOTICES

Lamberton

The funeral of the late John Lamberton took place yesterday morning from the Hanna Parlors, Yates street, at 11 o'clock. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Campbell. There was a number of friends present and the floral offerings were numerous and very beautiful. The pallbearers were: Dr. Tolmie, J. D. Reid, J. Nicholson, Mr. Blackstock, A. Lynn and R. Bray.

Clode

The remains of the late William John Edward Clode, who passed away in Vancouver at the 27th ult. arrived in the city last evening by the S.S. Princess Charlotte. The deceased

gentleman was well known in Victoria, where he resided for a number of years in Glenford avenue. The funeral will take place from the Hanna Chapel, Yates street, this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Interment will be made in the family plot in Ross Bay cemetery.

Mundell

After having been rushed to this city in the hope of succor by an immediate operation, Mrs. Jane Mandell, a well known resident of Comox, passed away at the Jubilee Hospital yesterday morning, after an illness which has lasted some time. The deceased was born in Scotland and had been a resident of Comox for some time. She leaves a husband, Mr. Mandell, who is a well known farmer in that district, and a son, Mr. Mandell, who will be greatly mourned by her many friends. The remains will be taken to her late home by the City of Nanaimo today, where interment will take place in the church yard at Sandwick. Rev. J. Menzies will officiate.

In a friendly match played last evening between the basketball teams of the Melrose Co. and the D'I. H. Ross Co., at the N.W.A.A. hall, the former were successful by the score of 25 to 10. It was a spirited contest and the victors were entitled to their triumph, putting up a splendid combination and shooting well when the chance offered.

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The business of the meeting will be to determine the day on which the annual general meeting of the bank will be held;

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To fix the method of filling vacancies in the board of directors whenever the same may occur in each year;

To fix the time and proceedings for the election of the directors in case of any failure of any election on the day appointed for it;

To prescribe the record to be kept of proxies and the time not exceeding 30 days, within which proxies must be produced and recorded prior to any subsequent meeting, in order to enable the holder to vote thereat;

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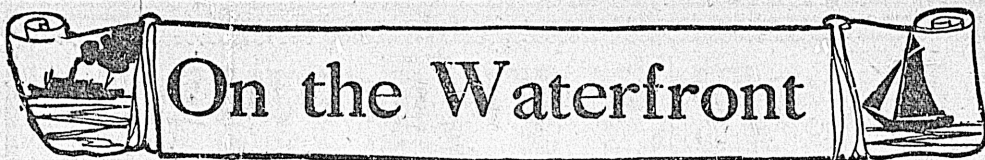
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ADELAIDE, Australia, Feb. 28.—The schooner Polaris, which has arrived from Tacoma, reports that on December 16 she sighted a ship on her beam ends and that the ship was supposed to be the German ship Parnassus, which sailed from Portland with grain for the United Kingdom on Dec. 5. Owing to continued stormy weather there was no opportunity to make examination of the wreck, and it is expected that the ship met with the same fate that overtook the unfortunate Matterhorn late in November, with the exception that the crew of the Parnassus have been heard from.

MUTE EVIDENCE OF MARINE DISASTER

Boat Apparently Washed From Davits of Government Vessel Comes Ashore Near Carmanah

CARMANAH, B. C., Feb. 28.—W. P. Daykin, lighthouse keeper here, received a report from a patrol man of the finding of a man-of-war's boat which had been washed ashore about two miles and a half west of the lighthouse. The boat was built of elm planking, with oak and mahogany gunwales, etc., brass fittings. Only one oar was found. In the boat was found an emergency provision box. There were no marks to indicate the ownership of the lost boat, which was painted a bad color and apparently washed out of davits, as it had a davitt rail still on.

Mr. Daykin also reports the picking up by Indians of two sails and the stern board of another boat, but nothing further to show to whom this belonged.

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Point Grey, 8 a. m.—Cloudy; northwest wind; bar., 29.62; temp., 30.
Cape Lazo, 8 a. m.—Overcast; calm; bar., 29.50; temp., 35; sea smooth.
Tatoosh, 8 a. m.—Cloudy; southwest wind, 17 miles; bar., 29.77; temp., 35; sea moderate; in: steam schooner Rainier, 6:45 p. m.; Admiral Sampson, 10 p. m.; out: Buckman, 11 p. m.; inside, bound out: steamers Elr and Tampico.
Estevan, 8 a. m.—Passing showers; southeast wind; bar., 29.73; temp., 36; heavy swell.
Pachena, 8 a. m.—Cloudy; west wind; bar., 29.57; temp., 35; sea moderate; Amur off Pachena, 8 a. m.
Point Grey, noon—Cloudy; northwest wind; bar., 29.67; temp., 44.
Cape Lazo, noon—Clear; southeast wind; bar., 29.59; temp., 40; sea smooth.
Triangle, noon—Light rain; southwest wind, 32 miles; bar., 29.95; temp., 39; passed out: steamer Elr 8:25 and Tampico 8:35; Ella passed out at 10 a. m.
Pachena, noon—Drizzling; south wind; bar., 29.61; temp., 35; sea moderate.
Point Grey, 6 p. m.—Cloudy; southeast wind; bar., 29.55; temp., 45; sea smooth; no shipping.
Cape Lazo, 6 p. m.—Cloudy; calm; bar., 29.60; temp., 45; sea moderate; no shipping.
Tatoosh, 6 p. m.—Light rain; southeast wind; bar., 29.95; temp., 45; sea smooth; in: four-masted schooner and lightship Columbine, 5:30 p. m.
Pachena, 6 p. m.—Passing showers; southeast wind; bar., 29.95; temp., 45; sea smooth; no shipping.
Estevan, 6 p. m.—Drizzling; southeast wind; bar., 29.69; temp., 46; sea smooth; spoke: D. G. S. Quadra, northbound off Cape Cook, 6 p. m., and steamer W. S. Porter, northbound, Lat. 48.92, N. Long. 133.34.
Triangle, 6 p. m.—Cloudy; passing showers; southeast wind; bar., 29.95; temp., 45; sea smooth; no shipping.

BIG DEMAND FOR ISLAND COAL

Many Vessels Delayed Awaiting Filling of Bunkers—Closing of Australian Mines Is Cause

The closing of the Australian coal mines through the recent strike in that section of the globe has caused a very heavy trade at all Vancouver Island coaling ports. Vessels have in several cases had to wait days for coal at island ports and it has caused considerable discussion as to whether a shortage of fuel will result.

The steamer Princess Ena which is now discharging at the Belleville street wharf was kept waiting for six days before she had access to the bunkers. Other vessels have had to wait, including the steam collier Hermonie, which has been at Comox for over thirty days unable to secure a full cargo to proceed south. Among the others waiting is the steamer Cloverly which arrived at Comox several days ago and has not started to load yet.

Sandown Completing Cargo.
The freighter Sandown which has been loading two and a quarter million feet of lumber at the Fraser River Mills, New Westminster, is now at Chemainus completing her cargo for Australia and New Zealand.

Alden Fixed for Australia.
The Norwegian steamer Alden has been chartered by the Frank Waterhouse Company for one voyage to Australia for the Australian Mail Line. This charter has been due to the tying up of all the vessels owing to the coal strike.

Princess Ena Chartered.
The freighter Princess Ena of the C. P. R. freighting fleet, has been chartered to load lumber for Prince Rupert. The cargo will be shipped from Genoa Bay mills directly the vessel completes discharging her cargo of coal at the C. P. R. dock. It is probable that she will get away from Genoa Bay tonight or tomorrow morning.

Cheap Rate in Effect.
The steamer Kitsap of the Kitsap Navigation Company will inaugurate the Seattle-Bellingham rate war when she commences service to that port tomorrow. The steamer will be opposed by the steamers of the International Navigation Company, who will meet the rate for a short time with the steamer Telegraph, but this vessel will in a few weeks be replaced by the Chippawa.

Suveric Takes Outward Cargo.
The steamer Suveric of the Wm. Line started to load her outward cargo at the Seattle piers yesterday. She will later shift to Tacoma where the largest part of her cargo will be taken on. Captain Stanley Shofon, who was formerly commander of the vessel left yesterday for England where he takes over the command of a new vessel. Captain Cowley replaces Captain Shofon on the Suveric.

Hardy Bay Service.
After receiving a complete overhaul, the steamer Queen City returned to port from Esquimalt yesterday afternoon looking spick and span. She sailed from here last night for Vancouver where she will inaugurate a new weekly service to Hardy Bay and way ports from the Terminal City on March 2nd. She has been relieved by

the steamer Otter which will now return to the freighting trade.

Will Reach Wreck Today
The wrecking steamer Santa Ana is due to arrive at the scene of the disaster of the steamship Yucatan today. It is expected that the work of raising the vessel will commence immediately.

Prepare for Spring Season.
The Puget Sound salmon fishing fleet is now preparing for the spring invasion of northern waters. The first vessel to sail for the north will be the St. Paul, of Seattle, which will probably leave about the 15th of this month. A large fleet is also making ready from San Francisco.

British Bark to Load There
For the first time in the history of Gray's Harbor a British bark, the Glenmark, 1250 tons net, has been chartered to load lumber from that port for the west coast of South America. The vessel is now bound outward from Portland for San Francisco. She sailed from the Duquenois wharf on the 28th of February and is fully due to arrive at San Francisco this month.

Lonsdale Afire.
Seamen of the British bark Lonsdale, which put into Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, when bound out from Cardiff for Mazatlan, report that when the vessel put to sea from the "Lonsdale" port she was discovered to be on fire in three places and had to be beached. A reward of \$1,000 was offered by the captain of the vessel for the detection of the supposed incendiaries.

Makes Award for Towing.
SAN PEDRO, Feb. 28.—Judge Wellman has awarded the Pacific Coast Steamship Company \$8,000 in the admiralty suit for \$25,000 brought against the Norwegian steamer Cecil, which was hauled off a shoal in Magdalena bay last January by the steamer Curacao of the Pacific Coast Company. The owners of the Cecil refused to acknowledge that there had been an agreement between the masters of the steamers. The Cecil was at that time under charter to Grace & Company, of Seattle, and the Curacao to Panama and the west coast of South America.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Increased Cost of Living.
Sir—I can, I think, give you the one and only way of reducing the cost of living, etc., in this city. I was living in New Zealand, at Auckland, two years back when the bakers determined to raise the price of bread from 12 cents to 14 cents for the 4-lb. loaf. New Zealand people don't make much fuss but are quick to act. The subject was mentioned in the House of Representatives when it was threatened to throw open the ports to flour and wheat if the necessities of life was raised, consequence no advance. Now that is just what is wanted here; throw open the port of Victoria for a few weeks and allow all exorbitant priced articles in duty free. That would soon bring down prices. I have a price list before me of Spicers & Pond, London, in which it quotes bread made from the best hard Manitoba wheat at 14 cents for 4 lbs. Here it is 25 cents for a doubtful 4-lb. weight. I could mention hundreds of articles that one can buy from that firm and save at least 25 per cent. after carriage and duty is paid. I will mention one article used by photographers and taken by some as medicine, sodium sulphate. Spicers & Pond price, common, 2 cents per lb., refined 5 cents, here 10 and 15 cents. Your correspondent mentions the prices at the drugist. I had to buy a steam or bronchial kettle for a friend last week. The chemist charged only \$1. I will explain what it was like. An ordinary milk can worth at the most 10 cents with an amateur's spout soldered on the outside, value 20 cents. What do you think of that hold-up? I wonder that some public meeting is not called protesting against this unfair way of dealing, requiring that noble legislators to throw open the port of Victoria for a few months so that one could get a chance of taking in a good supply of necessary household goods. That would soon settle household quicker than anything I know of.

W. DANDRIDGE.
Fell St., Oak Bay Avenue.

City Market Place.
Sir—With reference to this much discussed problem, I am extremely glad to notice at least some active steps being taken in this matter. We people in the country feel the loss of a conveniently arranged market and particularly in respect to accommodation for putting up horses and vehicles—and new settlers in the vicinity of the city when inquiring for the market on their first trip in and also many of our visitors for it need not be mentioned that a very great number of visitors are agriculturists and coming many of them from places where so much attention is given the farmer by towns and cities not nearly so favorably situated as Victoria find it hard to believe that Victoria city can only afford to contribute the miserable and most unsanitary row of box stalls in return for the revenue which she must derive from the rich agricultural country surrounding her, not taking into account the Market building which it seems the people will not take to at present and is therefore not of any use to the farmers. The country tributary to Victoria is the oldest settled portion of B. C. and the most favored portion, climatologically of Vancouver Island, and is famous for its wonderful crops of fruit and other produce; newspapers and pamphlets never cease to praise; the exhibition held each year another advertisement for the city and its surroundings. It is "this" with a railway engine thrown in to help exercise a young and sensitive horse or horses when driving into the "slough" (as it is in wet weather) at the rear of the stalls. I guess the Sanich passengers find this entertaining at times. It appears to me that if the accommodation for horses, etc., could be made to meet the requirements and built on up-to-date methods this would bring about a greater congregation of farmers and then perhaps the market would follow. I would imagine that \$20,000 spent on such lines would give Victoria as much advertisement and permanent too, as a single agricultural show. Is there another city, Mr. Editor, placed as this is, that shows such indifference to the welfare of the farmers and that could on a market morning show such a collection of raw produce as would delight the visitors as one of the sights worth seeing and giving to the residents the opportunity of buying direct and not through the retail stores and absolutely fresh from the fields. I am

told that some consider it lowering to have to make the round of the market and prefer to order through the phone or order when shopping others that it is inconvenient and again that one cannot buy in large quantities as the climate is against keeping stuff. There is now in Victoria a splendid cold storage plant and perishables can be kept in particular meat, at a very nominal figure, and taken out as required.

These are not the reasons, I am sure, for the future will show that the interests of various stores had more to do with keeping it back than anything else. I trust we shall see a lively interest taken in this matter shortly and thanking you, Mr. Editor, for the valuable space you have allowed me to use in mentioning this old, old subject.

C. E. WHITNEY GRIFFITHS.
Metehosin, B. C., Feb. 17, 1910.

Provincial Exhibition, Victoria, 1910.
Sir—At a meeting recently held in the city hall it was unanimously resolved to carry on this year's exhibition and enthusiasm seemed to be the keynote of everyone present to make this year's exhibition second to none, and the fact of it being the Jubilee of the Victoria exhibition, the citizens should endeavor to work for its crowning success.

Well, "if it were done when 'tis done then it were well it were done quickly." May I suggest that the management get busy. There are a thousand and one preliminaries to be dealt with and in my opinion the prize list by this time should be under way for publication and issue.

Here are some matters of immediate necessity:
There should be a gathering of the forces from which to send out collectors who would be acting as feelers, and who would corral many into taking an active part in the work of this year's fair.

Districts should be laid off for the collectors to operate in and by a "house to house" campaign, many members could be secured without much trouble.

Committees should be formed from among the members and such committees consisting of six or eight members might be entrusted with the general conduct of affairs pertaining to each specific department of the exhibition.

Take the horticultural branch, in my opinion some revision could be made in this prize list section and its classification. By having "men who know" on the committee, the prize list could be so compiled that no unnecessary classes would be provided and accordingly the prize money would not be given without practically any competition in many of the sections.

I would prefer a small prize list productive of quality rather than quantity. I think it is a poor policy to keep classes open in any branch of an exhibition or fair unless they are receiving support in the way of entries.

Nothing looks so disappointing to the aims and objects of an agricultural fair as to walk in and see perhaps two horses in a class where three prizes are offered or a number of classes for poultry with only one bird representing in all its glory the breed for which the class is provided, one is apt to say, and is this all there is for a prize inducement.

I am not saying that such a state of things exist in Victoria, but any likelihood of same occurring would be prevented by having good sound committees working as links in the chain of management. Advance! Victoria, and take heed of the inspiring utterances of Mr. H. Helmecken, K. C., expressed at the meeting. Give him a helping hand, he is one of the right men in the right place. Then another good man, who has a whole-hearted interest in the fair is Dr. Tolmie, I venture to state no official frequenting the exhibitions of the western provinces carries the good will of the people as this worthy Victoria gentleman. I am not trying to eulogize. I merely want the Victoria people to know they have good men to guide the compass and at the same time not to forget the running of an exhibition is not a one man performance.

Get the habit Victoria! Fall into line and as a result of this year's exhibition I venture to say that Ottawa will gain the holding of the Dominion exhibition in Victoria at no distant date.

In the person of the Hon. Lieut-Governor the exhibition possesses a good friend and his untiring efforts displayed in the past will, I am sure, not be allowed this year even though he will be no doubt severely handicapped with official duties pertaining to his office as His Majesty's representative in this fair province of B. C.

You have got the straw Victoria, but you want the men to make the hay. I sincerely hope that the management will get busy and not let the grass grow under their feet.

The merchants and real estate agents I am sure will help, secure their cooperation and get some mention made on the envelopes and other stationery they are using this year. Approach them in the right way with the right spirit, they will be glad to do so. The spirit of this year's fair will bring back to all their mills. People will flock to the city and as a result of their visit a lot of money will be circulated through the commercial circles irrespective of the agricultural interests which, of course, the fair will offer to bring the people to the Mecca of the Pacific coast.

The recent convention of representatives from the various agricultural fairs and societies throughout British Columbia, held under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture, has clearly shown how wide awake the people are all over the country to urge along the successful progress of fairs as an educative and practical lesson on agriculture in all its phases.

Victoria has the promised support of such well known exhibitors as A. D. Patterson, Esq., of Ladner; Alex. Davis, Esq., of Ladner; Messrs. Bishop and Clark, of Victoria; J. T. Maynard, Esq., and A. C. Wells, Esq., of Chilliwack, and others. The assistance of these exhibitors is a splendid drawing card for a good display of animals in the live stock department.

Trusting my remarks will be acceptable in the spirit in which they are offered for the future welfare and prosperity of Victoria and its inhabitants.

ALBERT E. CRADDOCK.
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Seven-roomed house with corner half-acre lot. Price \$4,200.

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Bungalow of five rooms, attractive design, on lot 54.3x135, situated on Garbally road, short distance from Douglas street car line. This can be secured for \$500 cash and monthly payments of \$25, interest to be 7 per cent.

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PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS



New Alberni is to be known as Port Alberni on and after Tuesday next.

New Westminster is looking forward to the establishment there of a large Conservatory of Music.

The edict has gone forth at Quesnel that no gaming whatever is to be permitted hereafter in licensed houses.

An unclaimed articles department has been established by the New Westminster police.

The new C. P. R. station at Merritt has been completed, and is now in service.

The first issue of the Nicola Valley News has made its appearance—a newsy, well printed and illustrated twelve-page weekly.

Engineer Griffiths, of Victoria, is superintending the construction of the new \$50,000 provincial bridge spanning the Columbia at Revelstoke.

Rev. Dr. Taylor officiated Thursday at the marriage in New Westminster of Mr. David Galbraith and Miss Christina Mary Spring.

The minor epidemic of smallpox at Arrowhead has been stamped out, and the quarantine raised as no longer necessary.

Edward Morris and A. R. Glenross are under arrest at Vancouver charged with securing \$36 from J. Halstead by a fake horse race wager.

C. Satoh, a Japanese logger employed by the Joseph Chew Lumber Co., was accidentally drowned at Potlatch Creek last Friday.

The marriage of Mr. George W. Gray, the Westminster lacrosseist, and Miss Olga Lindseth was solemnized at New Westminster Tuesday.

The Vanstone Plumbing & Heating Co. is now shipping to the New Zealand market stoves manufactured at the New Westminster foundry.

The fruit contribution of H. Kipp, of Chilliwack, to British Columbia's display at the Royal Horticultural Exhibition has arrived safely in England.

According to Ashcroft reports, there has never been heavier traffic into the Cariboo country than at the present time, all signs pointing to a year of unprecedented activities.

Half a dozen of the miners employed in the colliery workings at Michel were found to have matches in their possession when a search was made last week. All will be prosecuted.

St. Mark's church, Kitsilano, was the scene of a pretty wedding Tuesday, when the nuptials of Mr. P. F. Wright and Miss Myrtle L. Temple were celebrated by Rev. A. H. Sovereign.

Miss Susanne N. Lawrence, founder of the Klitama Mission in this province in the long ago, died at Toronto recently, aged 70 years, after an illness of seventeen years' continuance.

Albert A. Bacon, who risked his life to save that of another in imminent danger of drowning, at Kitsilano beach last summer, has been presented with the medal of the Royal Human Society.

The wedding of Mr. Harry Graham and Miss Mary Irvine, the latter the first Linotype operator of the Kootenays, was celebrated last week at Calgary.

Joseph Brown, a young rancher of Mud Bay, was accidentally shot while duck hunting last Wednesday. He slipped and fell, the gun exploded, and several pellets entered his leg and abdomen.

Rapid progress is being made in the laying the new matting to protect the river-banks at Revelstoke. Over sixty men are being employed by the provincial government, W. Fleming being in general charge.

Daniel McLeod, head blacksmith at Van Anda, was burned out last week, losing in addition to his house, all that it contained, and a considerable sum of money that had been paid to him only the day before.

The fatality near Revelstoke of a few days ago, when Charles Turross, sr., was burned to death in the destruction of his home, proves to have had its origin in drink. Turross leaves a numerous family.

Leon Maroon, an Italian employed on river work at Revelstoke, lost his life Wednesday by an explosion. He had been lurching in the powder house and it is assumed threw down a match carelessly.

The fall of a pile of lumber all but caused the death of John Burns, sawyer for the Creston Lumber Co., at Erickson, a few days ago. The lumber falling, plumed Burns underneath. It is thought that he will recover, although badly injured internally.

Albernites contemplate incorporation as a municipality in the near future. The interested land company is quite agreeable to the proposed action, conditional upon the adoption of a local improvement system such as obtains at Oak Bay.

A third case of smallpox was located at Cowie's restaurant, Revelstoke, last week, the patient being one of the waitresses. The entire establishment, with boarders and employees numbering upwards of fifty, has been placed in strict quarantine.

New Westminster's Liberals have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Honorary president, Sir Wilfrid Laurier; president, A. E. Kellington; first vice-president, H. A. Eastman; second vice-president, A. Hardman; third vice-president, James

McMurphy, secretary-treasurer, J. W. MacDonald.

An explosion Wednesday night in the rear of the Kootenay hotel at Moyie wrecked a large part of the building, damaged many neighboring structures and shook every house in the town, causing a variety of damage. Mrs. Parkill, who lives in an adjoining cottage, was badly cut by flying glass and a waitress in the hotel was thrown into a fit by the shock. Nearly every window in the hotel was smashed. The explosion was probably due to an accident to the carbide gas plant used for generating light. Dr. Coffin was quickly on the scene and attended to Mrs. Parkill's injuries, and the fire wardens and fire brigade also rendered assistance. The damage to the hotel, which is owned by Messrs. McAvish and Cameron, is considerable. The cottage occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Parkill is much damaged and in the Moyie drug store bottles containing medicine were thrown over and broken and the large plate glass window was smashed. Crockery in the store of MacEachern & MacDonald is also broken.

CLAIMS VOTERS DISENFRANCHISED

Mayor Takes Exception to Provisions of Legislation as Asked for by Municipal Union

That the city takes exception to one piece of legislation which the Union of Municipalities of B.C. is asking of the provincial legislature was evidenced at last night's meeting of the council, when Mayor Morley called attention to the fact that if the amendments to the municipal clauses act were put through as set forth, some 1,500 voters of the local municipalities would be disenfranchised. His Worship referred to the provision of the act that provides that no person shall vote as a property owner unless he is the registered owner of property and not merely the assessed owner. In Victoria are many persons who have purchased property on the instalment plan and who have, perhaps, paid the majority of the instalments, but because the person from whom the land was purchased is the registered owner and will continue to be so until the final payment is made, he will be the only one entitled to vote, although he may have a majority interest in the land. Any person, His Worship believed, is entitled to vote who pays taxes and in the majority of cases such as the one referred to, the purchasers pay the taxes.

Alderman Fullerton believed that the workingman who cannot afford to buy his home outright, but must do so on the instalment plan, is discriminated against and a great injustice is being done to him, while City Solicitor Mana ventured the opinion that the legislative committee of the House would not grant any special concessions to Victoria which are not desired by the majority of other municipalities.

Mayor Morley believed that before the Union had decided to press for any amendments to the act the opinion of the Victoria council should have been sought.

With a view of bringing the matter before the legislative committee of the House, the legislative committee of all endeavor to meet the former committee this morning.

A large number of applications for the positions of city engineer and city solicitor were submitted, but owing to the number and the fact that the other members of the council desired to go through them, they were all laid over until tomorrow evening, when a special meeting of the council will be called and the applications considered in camera.

Mayor Morley suggested that the applications be referred to the streets committee and the legislative committee, the former to decide on the applicant to fill the engineer's position and the latter to choose the city solicitor.

Council Wants Say

Alderman McKown wanted the council to recommend the likely applicants for each office and then the council could ballot, but the mayor thought the committees should recommend the one of the five who appeared to best fill the bill. However the other council members did not evidently feel like taking the dictum of the committees, so the whole council will decide on the matter.

That the Municipality of Oak Bay will have none of the amended agreement proposed by the city relative to the city supplying water to the municipality was the gist of a communication from the municipal clerk, who did not explain why the municipality refused the agreement.

Mayor Morley opined that the council is entitled to some explanation, but Alderman Mable declared that past experience had shown that Oak Bay is very hard to do business with.

"I don't think so at all," remarked Mayor Morley. "It is the other people, the Esquimalt Water Works Company, who are advising them."

"They are both in it together," answered Alderman Mable.

The decision to accept the tender of Messrs. Lineham and Company for sand, gravel and filling, was the occasion of a complaint from Alderman Bannerman about the practice of that firm of dumping material for city work on the car tracks whence it has to be shovelled by the city workmen. The material should be delivered right at the job ready for the workmen. Also Alderman Bannerman believed that a great deal of material can be secured by the city when the grading down of streets in the Spring Ridge section is done and the city should not be bound to use only material supplied by the contractors.

As there is no stated quantity under the contract which will be awarded to Lineham and Company, the city will be able to take just what it de-

quires and can use its own material if deemed advisable.

The tenders for material were as follows: Lineham Sand and Gravel Company, sand, per cubic yard, \$1.08; gravel, \$1.25; filling, 88c in the northern or central districts; 99c in the southern district; \$1.08 in Victoria West or 94c, delivered to any point within the city limits.

B. C. Sand and Gravel Company: gravel, \$1.40; sand, \$1.20 per cubic yard.

James Richards: sand, \$1.20 per yard; gravel, \$1.35 per yard.

John Hagerty and Company, filling, \$1.15 per yard in the southern district; \$1.10 northern district; \$1.15 in the western district.

Improvement Works

The following local improvement works were reported on by the engineer and will be duly advertised:

Paving St. Charles street from Fort street to Rockland avenue with asphalt and constructing concrete gutter on the east side and boulevard, curb and gutter on the west side and placing electric light and telephone wires underground on an ornamental iron poles and constructing sewer connections to the street line. Total cost \$21,033, city's share \$4,239.

Grading Cook street between Pakington street and May street, and paving the street with asphalt and constructing permanent walks on both sides with curbs, gutters and boulevards and sewer and surface drain laterals. Total cost \$50,281, city's share \$9,423.

Permanent walks on the east side of James street between Esquimalt road and Andrew street. Total cost \$736, city's share \$147.

Tenders for debentures were referred to the mayor and Ald. McKown, chairman of the finance committee, and a number of tenders for fire department supplies will be considered and reported upon by the fire wardens.

The final assessment by-law for the Belleville street pavement, from Government street to John street, was put through its various stages. The amount to be assessed included some \$5,000, the amount which the work exceeded the estimate. The by-law providing for the closing of a portion of Blanchard street to permit of the location there of the Victoria Terminal Railway and Ferry Company's terminals was also passed. The by-law defining the new fire limits was allowed to stand over for a week. The by-law to amend the liquor regulations, which was to have been considered, was not ready for distribution, and will not come up for consideration until later.

Government Thanked

The action of the provincial government in placing in the estimates amounts as a grant to the B. C. Agricultural Association and for assistance in the Dallas road foreshore protection scheme was communicated to the council, and a resolution of thanks passed by the latter body. On the suggestion of Ald. McKown the Dominion government will again be requested to assist in the foreshore protection work, Mayor Morley stating that federal engineers have had surveys made and plans prepared of this work.

A resolution of the Farmers' Institute asking that the market building be devoted to the purpose for which it was erected, and that additional accommodation for stalls, etc., be provided, will be considered later.

A communication from Messrs. Yates & Jay relative to the property some time ago leased to the city in return for the keep of an inmate of the Old Men's Home, which land, now that the relatives of the inmates are willing to pay all charges, should, in the opinion of the solicitors, be deeded back, was referred to Aid. Bishop, chairman of the Old Men's Home committee.

J. Herriek McGregor, of the firm of Gore & McGregor, surveyors, with whom C. H. Topp, former city engineer, is now associated, wrote the council taking exception to a report in the press to the effect that Mr. Topp had put in a bill for \$300 for services rendered the city during January. Mr. McGregor stated that Mr. Topp was engaged by his firm for a full twelve months of the present year, but not to interfere with civic progress the firm allowed him to give the whole of January to city work, for which the firm charged \$300. Mr. Topp had charged the city nothing. The charge of \$300 was less than the firm would have charged any other client, and the firm cannot accept any reduced fee.

Mayor Morley believed this to be a peculiar combination. He had informed Messrs. Gore & McGregor, he stated, that the city had had no dealings with any one but Mr. Topp. The communication of Gore & McGregor was filed.

The report of the streets committee recommending that \$650 be spent on fitting up the old fire hall as a store room; that accounts of the B. C. Electric Company and the Victoria Gas Company for \$357.01 and \$378.76 respectively, out of a total of \$1,736.50 put in by the companies, be paid; that Pleasant street be put in a passable condition; that the wharf scheme proposed by Thomas Sorby be laid over, and that a two plank walk be constructed on the east side of Cook street between Hillside avenue and Summit avenue, was adopted.

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T. M. Brayshaw's further request for compensation for damage alleged to have been sustained by him by reason of the delay in completing the improvement on Government street between Herald street and Discovery street, will not be entertained as the city does not admit that it is in any manner liable.

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\$7000 FOR A FIRST CLASS FARM OF 12 acres with modern 6-roomed house, close to store, P. O. and school, 2 1/2 miles from city. This is in every respect a first class place; the buildings are large and in good order.

\$3,200

For Sale—A fine new 5-roomed cottage, near to car line, James Bay, with good china, closet opened through to a large pantry, tiled, clear and well lighted, central bath and washdown; separate toilet, wash tubs in basement which is full size, hot and cold water in basement; concrete foundation, diningroom is paneled and large at the back room for three bedrooms. This house is worth \$3,000 without the lot.

WESCOTT & LETTS,
Room 8, Moody Block, Yates Street, Victoria, B. C.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the reserve notice of which was given in the Gazette of the 28th of October, 1909, reserving all foreshore abutting on the East Coast of Vancouver Island and extending from the head of Saanich Inlet to the 52nd parallel of north latitude, and all coal underlying the said foreshore, as well as the coal under the sea fronting the said foreshore, and extending out therefrom a distance of one mile, is cancelled.

ROBERT A. RENWICK.

Deputy Commissioner of Lands. Lands Department, Victoria, B. C. 5th January, 1910.

NOTICE

"Public Inquiries Act."

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to the above-named act, Robert S. Lennie, of the city of Nelson, barrister-at-law; Day Hott MacDonald, of the city of Victoria; and A. B. Erskine, of the city of Vancouver, have, by order of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, been appointed a commission to inquire generally into the business of Life Insurance as carried on in the Province of British Columbia, including the placing of insurance by persons in British Columbia with companies or associations in the United States and other jurisdictions, and to report in writing upon the results of the said investigation, and especially as to the advisability and best methods of government supervision of the operations and financial standing of all companies or associations carrying out the business of Life Insurance in this province.

And as to compelling them to obtain licenses from the province authorizing the transaction of said business;

And to furnish adequate security to British Columbia policyholders that all valid claims they may have against said companies or associations will be promptly paid.

And notice is hereby given that sittings of the said commission, for the purpose of making inquiry into matters aforesaid, will be held at the following points on the dates set opposite, viz.:

Victoria, March 3rd, 1910
Vancouver, March 9th, 1910
Nelson, March 15th, 1910

Special sittings may be fixed by the commissioners upon sufficient requests from other portions of the province.

And notice is hereby given that all interested parties may obtain from any of the commissioners subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses at any sittings of the commission.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Victoria, B. C., 23rd February, 1910.

CIVIC NOTICE

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having determined that it is desirable:

1. To construct permanent sidewalks on both sides of McBride from Queen's avenue to Bay street.

2. To grade Douglas street, between Belleville street and Superior street, and to construct permanent sidewalks on both sides of said street.

3. To grade, drain and rock surface Lotbiniere avenue, and to construct permanent sidewalks of concrete on both sides of said street.

And that each and all of said works shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the "Local Improvement General By-Law" and amendments thereto, and the City Engineer and City Assessor having reported to the council, in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the said by-law, upon each and every of said works of local improvement, giving statements showing the amounts estimated to be chargeable in each case against the various portions of real property to be benefited by the said works; and the City Assessor as aforesaid having been adopted by the council.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said report of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas street, and that unless a petition against any proposed work of local improvement above mentioned, signed by a majority of the owners of the land or real property to be assessed for such improvement, and representing at least one-half of the value of the said land or real property, is presented to the council within fifteen days from the date of the first publication of this notice, the council will proceed with the proposed improvement upon such terms and conditions as to the payment of the cost of such improvement as the council may by by-law in that behalf regulate and determine.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C.,
February 16, 1910.

Tenders for Carbons and Lighting Equipment

Separate tenders will be received up to 4 p. m. on Monday, the 7th day of March, 1910, for the following:

First—Copper coated carbons.

Second—High grade carbons for enclosed lamps.

Third—The installation of an lighting system for James Bay Causeway and Belleville street. Specifications can be seen at the office of the undersigned, to whom all tenders must be addressed. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

WM. W. NORTHCOTE,
Purchasing Agent,
City Hall, Feb. 22, 1910.

NOTICE

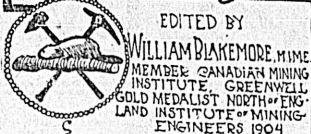
In the Matter of the Estate of Margaret Young, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of the above named Margaret Young, late of Victoria, B. C., deceased, are required to send particulars thereof, duly verified, to the undersigned, the administrator of said estate, and the personal estate and effects of said deceased, on or before the 22nd day of March, 1910, and the said administrator will not be liable for the assets to any person or persons of whose claim he shall not then have received notice.

All persons indebted to the said deceased are required to pay their indebtedness to the undersigned forthwith.

JOHN S. YOUNG,
571 David Street, Victoria, B. C., the administrator of all and singular the personal estate and effects of the above-named deceased.

Dated this 19th day of February, 1910.

Mining Department



Mining Engineers.

An interesting controversy is proceeding as to the status of members of mining institutes, and suggestions have been made to modify the Constitution of the Canadian Mining Institute, as follows:

1. A serious restriction in number of the members of the Institute.

2. The formation of a close corporation with powers similar to those now possessed by doctors, dentists, etc., and which are being sought by the embalmers of Ontario.

Objections are as follows:

1. The proposed restriction of membership is a mistake. We need a wide-open congress of some sort.

2. The proposed restriction of membership in mining, whether technically qualified or not, can meet and discuss matters of common interest. This our institute is now doing well. Let us move slowly in the matter of change. We want the broker and investor to attend our meetings, and earn the views of our leaders on the ethics of mining, and the duties of directors to their shareholders. To shut out these men, and also the younger men of the profession who might not be able to qualify, is to shut out from the Institute the very men who profit most.

Again, to get such limited members in the small local centres to make a live branch, the basis of membership must be wide. These members are by Constitution members of the main Institute.

Still further, we require all the funds we can raise to carry on our work. To restrict the membership to purely technical men would surely cramp the Institute financially.

The second objection is the great difficulty of securing the legislative power to compel all engineers to pass the necessary examinations and enroll in the Institute.

With so strong a lodge it will not be long before regular shipments will be made.

Late advices from the Inland Empire are to the effect that some very high grade ore has been encountered in the lower, or 300-foot level. The ore runs higher in gold than any hitherto met in the property.

A compressor building has been erected at the Five Mines, Ltd. A 250-horse-power boiler and ten-drill compressor plant is to be installed at this property at once. A large force of men is now employed at the mine, and some good ore is being taken out.

AT THE CITY HOTELS

At the Empress—

D. C. Black, W. B. Towers, R. V. Vaughan, A. S. Bain, Vancouver; E. D. Bess, L. B. Forsyth, Toronto; E. L. Harkness, R. A. Crosbie and wife, C. L. Gordon, Vancouver; W. P. Tierney, Nelson; John B. Radcliffe, Lethbridge; J. J. Thompson, Vancouver; D. S. McCutcheon, Calgary; Aug. Kutuaner, Chicago; Arthur G. Miller, Frank Dixon, Toronto; Albert J. Johnson, Peoria, Ill.; S. A. Shafford, Vernon; W. I. Linn, Vancouver; Wm. Smart, Fred F. Osborn, Robt. Hamilton and wife, Montreal; J. J. McInnis, Vancouver; E. A. Morrissey, Spokane; R. E. Jamieson, D. K. Newell, Wm. Fisher, W. A. Wood, F. H. Clendenning, Vancouver; Geo. W. Robinson, Hamilton; E. A. Laubach, Meriden, Conn.; Marshall D. Welsh, S. Levine, Montreal; J. N. Bond, Reginald Levan, Vancouver; R. Brundine, Edmonton; A. McInnis, John M. MacMillan, H. McInnis, Vancouver; C. I. Cole and wife, Nanaimo; V. J. Upland, J. R. Barnaby, A. S. J. Hoch, Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sloan and son, Nanaimo; W. A. Hutchins and wife, Montreal; Leonard Frank, Alberni; Geo. P. Whalen, E. P. Brenner, W. H. Whalen, Vancouver.

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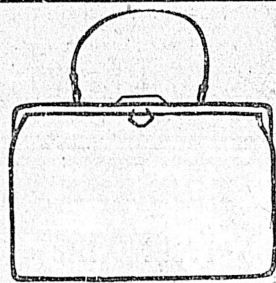
A Clearance of Women's Silk Afternoon Dresses, Wednesday

Regular Values to \$28.50 for \$14.75.

Regular Values \$36.00 to \$60.00 for \$25.00

Included in this clearance are about seventy very exquisitely and daintily made Afternoon Dresses. These are principally samples, in all colors and shades, in blues, helio, brown, blacks, etc. Some of these are made in jersey effect, the blouse being fine jersey cloth, while the skirt is in fine check. Others are in plain styles, some trimmed most daintily with straps and buttons, while a great number have yokes beautifully inlaid and trimmed with lace. This is a rare opportunity indeed to get a beautiful afternoon dress at half the usual price. Our sole reason for these reductions is to make a sure clearance in order to make more room for new goods which are being received daily. These charming wearables will appeal to every lady of taste and refinement. The usual prices were \$28.50. These are being offered at \$14.75, while the line ranging in price from \$30.00 to \$60.00 is being placed on sale at **\$25.00**

Our Candies and Chocolates are fresh daily. A specially fine line of chocolates at, per lb.60c



Ladies' Handbags, New Assortment

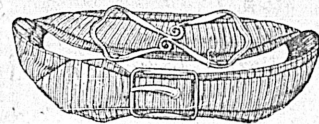
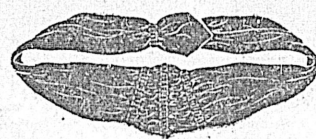
A specially fine assortment of Ladies' Handbags are to be seen at the Spencer Store. All the latest and most favored styles are being shown in black, browns and greens, with small change purses. Here is one which is a decidedly fine bag, made of fine crocodile skin, heavy brass frames, leather lined. Price ... **\$15.00** Others ranging in price from **75c**

Another Bargain Event for Today in Embroideries. 1,000 yds. at 2c, 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c

Judging from the way our last sale of Embroideries went, we are doubly sure that these will go just as quickly, if not more so, as you will find that they are splendid values indeed. Especially noteworthy are the 15c and 25c values. In describing the 15c line, we might say that some of these were usually sold for 35c. The widths are from 6 to 7 inches, in a great number of very dainty and pretty designs, the widths of the 25c line being 15 inches, while the usual selling price in some instances run as high as 50c.

Black Silk Belts at Mid-Week Reductions

Reg. 75c to \$1, Wed., 25c. Reg. \$1.75, Wed., 50c. Reg. \$2 to \$3, Wed., 75c



Wednesday a specially fine line of Ladies' Black Silk Belts go on sale. Usually our belt sales create considerable buying enthusiasm. The values which we are offering here Wednesday are of unusual merit, and will no doubt clear out quickly. Some are trimmed with jet buttons and jet buckles, others in plain styles. We don't mean to say that all these are the very latest styles. That's the reason why the prices are reduced. These are all black taffeta, in shirred and stitched effects.

New Dress Muslins at, per yd., 20c

Holly Batiste, a very fine sheer material, 30 in. wide, in tan, pink, mauve, blue and white grounds, with small conventional designs. Per yard **20c**

At per yd., 25c

Dotted Swiss, with small floral designs, in pink, sky, mauve and yellow **25c**

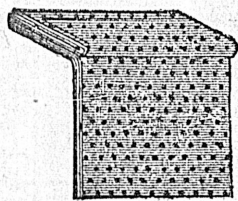
Printed Lawns, white ground, with colored dots, checks and stripes. An excellent washing material **25c**

Dress Madras or Vestings, white ground, with black, red or blue dots, also plain black and fancy stripes, absolutely fast in color, 32 in. wide **25c**

At, per yd., 35c

Organdies, in delicate shades of pink, sky and mauve, with dainty floral designs of a deeper shade, also white grounds, barred with pink, sky, mauve and yellow floral designs. Per yard **35c**

Cotton Foulards, in a splendid assortment of colors and designs. They are the real silk foulard designs reproduced in a mercerized cotton material. They wear well and for summer outing dresses are most satisfactory. Per yard **35c**



Black Beaded Chiffon, 50c

40 in. wide, on sale today at **50c**

There is nothing more attractive than a gown made up of this exquisite material. Yet the price we are asking for it is small indeed. It is extra good quality, 40 inches wide, beaded very closely. Take, for instance, a dress or gown of blue, pink or any highly colored material. A covering of beaded chiffon lends a considerably added charm to its appearance. Better come in and have a look at it.

Our Hardware Dept. Offers You Many Savings Both in Money and Time

The Hardware Department in the Annex makes a special study of all kinds of Kitchen Furnishings. A visit to this very interesting corner of the Big Store will keep you up to date in time and labor-saving devices for the kitchen. Free delivery twice daily to all parts of the city.

"Bright Days Call For Bright Furniture."

Liquid Veneer will make old and dull articles look like new. Good for any polished surface. Two sizes. 50c and **25c**

Perfection Furniture Polish, made from the recipe of a practical furniture finisher. Two sizes. 50c and **25c**

Cake Turners, 15c, 10c and **5c**

Toast Forks, several kinds **10c**

Dish Drainer, heavily tinned, takes 22 plates and measures when opened only 17 inch by 11 inch, and can be hung up out of the way. The best yet. Only **\$1**

Coat and Pant Hangers, in many patterns. Coat Hangers from **5c**

Pant and Skirt Hangers, 15c each or two for **25c**

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Muff Hanger, supplies a long-felt want in a practical manner. Bargain **10c**

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Bread Box, white enameled, \$1.50, \$1.35, \$1.25 **\$1.15**

Cake Closets, with two shelves and good lock, assorted colors and prettily decorated panel on door. **\$3.50**

Flour Sifters, rotary action **15c**

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Salt and Pepper Shakers, 10c and **5c**

Cake Cutters, 10c and **5c**

Muffin, Corn Cake, and other cookie tins.—
12 on sheet **35c**
8 on sheet **25c**
6 on sheet **20c**

The Value of Bon Ton and Royal Worcester Corsets Fully Demonstrated by Miss Frances Hope Gale

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At present these superb Corsets are being demonstrated by Miss Francis Hope Gale, who is an expert corsetiere, and who will convince you of the intrinsic value of wearing the above renowned brands. Miss Gale will be pleased to give fittings daily from 10 o'clock to 5 o'clock.

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This year the predominating feature is the simplicity and fine tailoring. The extremely fine finish is indeed notable. Never before has the Spencer Store been able to exhibit such beautiful suits. If we were to picture them in their fullest detail, we could not do them justice. The coats are all hip length and tight fitting. Here and there you will find touches which give them that individuality, that exclusiveness, so characteristic of Spencer's wearing apparel.

Women's Costumes at \$20.00

Women's Costumes, in fine all-wool imported Venetian. Coat is semi-fitting and made 31 inches long, deep shawl collar and shaped cuffs, inlaid with silk and finished with braid, lined with silkoline. The skirt is cut in thirteen gores, stitched flat to below the hips and continuing down in open side pleats. Colors grey, black, blue, and stripe effects. Special price **\$20.00**

Women's Costumes at \$30.00

Women's Costume, in fine all-wool Panamas, thoroughly shrunk. The coat is semi-fitting in style and lined with silk. Length 34 inches, very smartly finished with stitching, and silk braid is used as a trimming on collar and cuffs, single braided and fastened with pearl buttons to match. The skirt is nine-gored style, with side pleats extending from the knee. Buttons are used to trim the front panel, made in all the new shades. Price **\$30.00**



New Scarfs in Designs and Effects That Please

The new Shoulder Scarfs are the height of fashion. We quote a few of our leading lines from our immense stock. They are of the most extensive character and are suitable for day or evening wear.

Fine Knitted Silk Scarfs, with fringed ends. Colors are sky, mauve, emerald, purple, navy blue and black. They are 2 1/4 yards long. Each **\$3.50**

Dainty Crepe de Chine Scarfs, with hemstitched borders. Colors are pink, sky, mauve, brown, blue, tuscany, and black. 2 1/4 yards long. Each **\$3.50**

Handsome Silk Scarfs, with silk fringe around edges. The colors are navy blue and grey. They are 24 in. wide and 2 1/2 yards long. Each **\$10.00**

Rich Silk Crepe de Chine Scarfs, with spots, floral designs and self satin borders. Colors white, cream, champagne, pink, navy, mauve, reseda, rose, prunella, seaweed green, brown, purple, emerald, electric, and navy blue. 2 1/2 yards long. Each **\$4.50**

2 only Exceptionally Beautiful Shoulder Scarfs, makes a fascinating evening wrap. Made of a lovely quality crepe de chine and printed in rich oriental colorings. Finished with silk fringe around edges. Each, \$25.00 and **\$20.00**

New Neckwear for Ladies of Taste at 25c

Ladies' Fancy Silk Bow Ties, with strap to go around collar, fastens at back with hook and eye. Colors Nile, rose, pink, brown and navy blue. Each **25c**

Ladies' Fancy Silk Bows, with fancy fringed ends. Sky, tuscany, rose, prunella, mauve, pink, reseda, and navy blue **25c**

Dainty Pleated Crepe de Chine Bows, with pearl beaded and silk tiny drop ends. All the new colors **25c**

New Waists Priced at 50c

Fifty cents is a very small figure to spend on a new waist. If you were to buy the material and attempt to make one up yourself, you would find that the cost of the material alone in most cases would be much more than the price we are offering the garment ready-to-wear for. The styles at these prices are decidedly smart. They are made of blue and white cambric, in polka dot effect, tucked fronts. Price **50c**

We are also showing a beautiful line of fine Lawn Waists in the newest and most fascinating effects and styles of the season. Prices start at **75c**